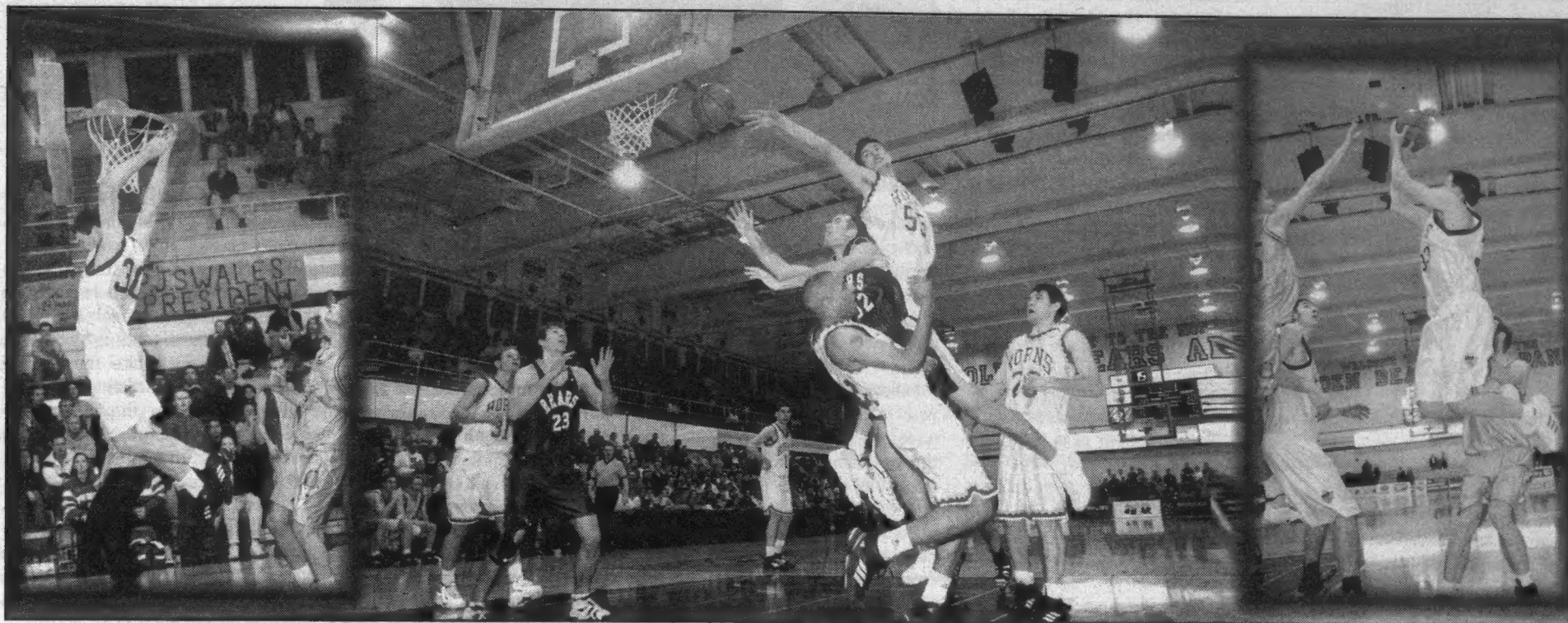


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The Bears basketball team battled the Lethbridge Pronghorns this weekend for the right to take on Victoria in the Canada West finals. The Bears prevailed taking the series in three games.

Chul-Ahn Jeong / THE GATEWAY

SU Presidential candidates ready for world domination

Christie Tucker
NEWS STAFF

Tuition, tuition, tuition. The rising cost of education is the most important issue students are going to be facing in the next school year, say this year's crop of presidential hopefuls. The nine candidates with their eyes on the prize are hoping to sway students with their unique recipes for financial relief when voters go to the polls on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

The majority of candidates suggested lobbying the provincial government for more financial support of post-secondary institutions, although there are skeptics among them. "[Even with the good intentions of lobbying], it's still four kids talking to some grown-ups," argued Film and Media Studies major Mike Schulz. He suggested, instead, that motivating the student body and winning public interest would be more progressive solutions.

"If it was as easy as lobbying, tuition wouldn't be in the state it is now," said candidate PJ Swales.

Candidates are divided on the search for alternate revenue through corporate sponsorship. "The divisiveness on campus over the Coke deal was nothing, compared to the conflict that would arise if something like Nike or Shell were to get involved. It would be good to have parameters established," said fourth-year Arts student Mimi Williams.

Schulz similarly warned of the dangers of corporate funding, which he called a "Faustian bargain: ... the corporations are funding research for their own goals."

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Three Bears basketball players make Canada West all-star teams

Darcy Anderson
SPORTS STAFF

The Golden Bears basketball team placed three of its members onto the Canada West all-star teams, which were announced late last week.

Post Nick Maglisceau was a unanimous first team choice. The

Paul Kane High School product finished fifth in league scoring with 17.6 points per game and second in rebounds with an average of 7.7 per game. He was also third in field-goal percentage, at 58.7 per cent, and sixth in free-throw percentage, hitting on 72.6 per cent of his opportunities.

Fellow post Ryan Dunkley was named to the second team. The

Bears' captain was third in the conference in rebounds with 6.9 per game in his final year as a Bear.

Guard Stephen Parker also made the second team in this, his second year with the U of A. Parker averaged 11.7 points per game, good enough for twelfth in the conference. He was fifth in steals with 1.9 per game and ninth in free-throw percentage, at 70.1 per cent.

V-ball Bears win second consecutive CIAU bronze

Denise Fernandes
SPORTS EDITOR

There are never any sure things in life, the Golden Bears volleyball team learned that first-hand this weekend at the CIAU Nationals in Laval.

On paper, the Bears stacked up as one of the most impressive line-ups at the CIAU National championships, with a CIAU MVP, CIAU Rookie of the Year, CIAU Coach of the Year, a string of players ranked among the top 10 in the CIAU's statistical categories, the CIAU's top ranking for over six weeks, and the number one seeding in the National tournament.

It was the perfect scenario to win the gold medal, and bring home their second championships in three years.

It wasn't meant to be, as the Bears were dispelled from the finals by the eventual CIAU champions, the University of Saskatchewan Huskies, in five sets.

Losing second-team Canada West all-star Nathan Bennett to a broken leg in the fourth set of the match was a huge blow to the team. Bennett, the best in kill efficiency percentage in the Canada West, did not miss one game for the Bears this season. At last week's Canada

West finals, Bennett was at the top of his blocking game, and has been one of the main reasons for the Bears' successes this season.

Alberta started off the tournament against the eighth-ranked University of Western Ontario Mustangs, winning 15-10, 16-14, 16-17, 15-6. Golden Bears power Pascal Cardinal, the CIAU Rookie of the Year, was an offensive threat with 45 kills and was chosen as the Alberta player of the match.

"It was an up and down match," said U of A head coach Terry Danyluk, "but I thought we played pretty decently. [Western] played a different lineup that usual, so I thought we adjusted well to that."

In the semi-finals the Bears played the Huskies hard, taking a 2-1 lead into the fourth set. Then Bennett went down, and the team lost the next two, designating the Bears to the bronze medal game for the second time in as many years. Bears captain and CIAU MVP Murray Grapentine had 21 kills and 10 blocks, while Cardinal had 22 kills and 14 digs.

Alberta would not be denied a medal, and the team pulled through to defeat the Calgary Dinosaurs in four sets (15-7, 15-13, 7-15, 15-11). Cardinal was once again an offensive threat with 21 kills.



Today

12 Don't miss the annual Hack-o-Rama, where we tear long and bloody strips off of everyone hoping to take a position as an SU hack next year.

Quote for the day:

All I know is I'm not a Marxist.

- Karl Marx

This day in *The Gateway's* history:

Phi Kappa Pi and Delta Delta Delta captured the trophies at the annual songfest sponsored by the Interfaculty Council and the Panhellenic Society in Convocation Hall. Professor AB Creighton commented that it was very difficult to adjudicate this event, and recommended that all of the fraternities sing the same song next year.

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Please recycle this newspaper

Summer jobs should be an early concern

Ryan Smith
NEWS STAFF

The difference between getting a good summer job or not can be the difference between you having an enjoyable summer or not. So, unless you want to be doing something like rinsing out colostomy bags all summer—or even if you do—you'd be wise to get looking for a job soon.

Joan Schiebelbein, manager of U of A's Career and Placement Services (CaPS) said, "Starting to think and act early is the most important thing student's can do to get a good summer job. It's not a good idea to wait until April to start looking. Some of the higher-paying summer jobs were posted back in September."

However, some students are not too concerned. Manny, a second-year Engineering student, said, "I haven't started looking [for a summer job] yet. But I'm not worried—I'm sure I'll get something. I don't really have a plan, but I guess I'll start looking in a month or so."

Cari Dul, a first-year Physical Education student, was similarly unconcerned, as she already has one part-time job. She had been offered two summer jobs to work up North, which she refused. "I'm looking for a job that pays pretty well because I want to cut back on my loans, but I don't want to do something that I'll hate. I'm not too worried, though. I've started to look already and I think I'll get something."

The January 1999 seasonally adjusted Canadian unemployment rate is 7.8 per cent, down from 8.8 per cent in January 1998. The rate for Albertans aged 15-24, by contrast, is 11.8 per cent, down from 14.5 per cent in January 1996.

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Horowitz forum repeats election promises

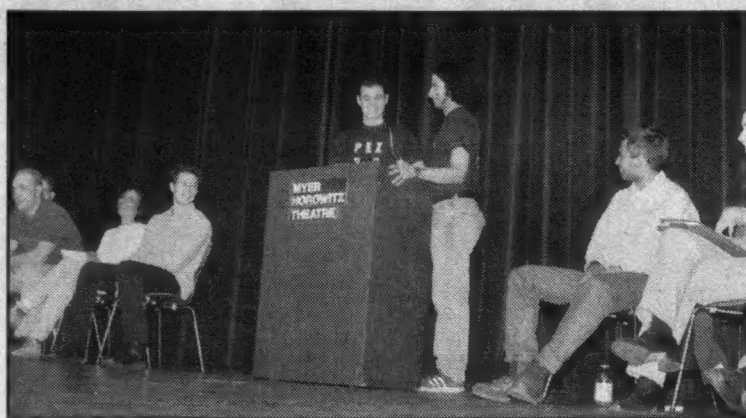
Christie Tucker

NEWS STAFF

Curious students gathered at the Myer Horowitz Theatre at noon on Monday to join in the theatrics of the Students' Union election forum. Nine presidential candidates, along with nine hopeful Vice-Presidents, are vying for six coveted positions on the SU executive. Also in attendance were Board of Governors hopeful Julien McNulty and referendum Yes side representative Sheamus Murphy.

Most candidates emphasized the need for accountability and accessibility on the part of the SU, and the more left-leaning among them called for corporate tax increases to cover the rising costs of education.

In a light moment, joke candidate Pez gave a pre-recorded presentation with the help of a volunteer, and the tiny plastic toy threatened to destroy its competitors with fire balls shot from its eyes. The Great Cthulhu criticized his fellow candidates for having "no power to back



Representatives of candidate Pez interpret his words in the Horowitz.

Chris Maxwell / THE GATEWAY

up their promises." Cthulhu is an elder god, and has the ability, he claimed, to make the U of A into the most powerful university in the world.

Following the speeches, the floor was opened to the audience for questions, which re-emphasized the problems of high tuition. VP (External) candidate Leslie Church suggested that tuition should become an issue of national consensus, so that a province could

provide extra funding to local universities without needing to fear subsidizing an influx of students from provinces with higher levels of tuition.

The forum was held to prepare voters for their decisions on the election pending on March 3 and 4. Polls will be dispersed across campus, and will be open in SUB and CAB from 8:00am until 9:00pm, and for shorter hours in other locations.

Voters have many choices for SU President

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Biological Science major Stan Dyjur believes that the funding generated by corporate sponsorship outweighs the drawbacks. "We should approach the private sector for more scholarships and greater involvement in athletics."

Pez, the Imperial Intergalactic Warlord, suggested that the elimination of the University administration would save tuition dollars, and that teaching students how to use the Dark Side of the Force would make costly faculty members redundant.

Communication between the SU and students was another common theme raised by candidates. "The message of the SU needs to get out. It has isolated the faculty, student groups, and fraternities," said Jason Curran, a third-year Science student.

Computer Engineering major Sam Prochazka contemplated the possibility of a public campaign to enlighten students on academic issues.

On the debate between rising of tuition and the loss of faculty members, candidates were skeptical about the choice. "It's not that simple. We should ask the administration to look at their own budget.

Last year the SU found an excess in operation costs; we can find more," said Williams.

"Obviously my choice is for a bigger pie, rather than a bigger slice," said Economics and Law major Mike Chalk. Chalk recommended seeking out excessive spending in all departments, and raising the government's contribution to the basic operating budget.

While supporting tuition roll-backs, Schulz fears the loss of quality in education that might come as a result of faculty cut-backs. "This is not a choice we should have to make. I don't want the U of A to turn into the Canada 3000 of universities," he said.

The Great Cthulhu called the decision "blackmail." His solution? "Remove the administration. Today a three story building—tomorrow a smoking crater."

The Students' Union President has a role as the students' representative to the media, on the Board of Governors, the General Faculties Council, the Executive Committee, and the internal SU.

Mike Chalk added a warning to voters: "This year there are a lot of posters and banners and glitz and glamour. Students need to vote responsibly; vote for a candidate, not a campaign."

Presidential hopefuls need to eat better

Christie Tucker

NEWS STAFF

Are our future leaders getting enough fibre? Despite PJ Swales' conviction that he is a "regular" guy, his Saturday morning breakfast routine consisted of a cup of coffee and a pinch of chewing tobacco. Mimi Williams ate half a sausage from her son's plate while she was washing dishes, and Stan Dyjur's morning meal came in the form of two Maalox tablets. Cthulhu alone had a full meal of "the Ancient Greeks," and Pez, predictably, indulged in "fruity goodness," known as Wildberry sugar-free diabetic Pez.

Breakfast is called the most important meal of the day, but these prospective SU presidents are malnourished and hopped up on caffeine.

Hopefully, as SU president, they'll learn the importance of a balanced morning meal.

Ops & Finance candidates concerned with SU services

Steph Untergasser

NEWS STAFF

You're going to have to pitch aside your post-Reading Week hangover, and part with your apathy towards the SU. The election of the Vice-President (Operations and Finance) gives you two real candidates with two real choices.

Ravi Sidhu is banking on expansion. Sidhu is focusing on creating new revenues for the SU by bringing in more businesses for students. Chief among his suggestions were the possibilities of bringing a full-service bank or a record store into SUB.

"How was the service the last time you were in the Power Plant?" asked Sidhu. He believes there is a need for better customer service and increased programming for students at campus bars.

James Brown disagrees with Sidhu's policy of revenue enhancement through new businesses. Brown would like to revitalize the existing SU businesses through better marketing. The fourth-year economics student believes that all SU businesses can once again be profitable.

"Right now, the Power Plant is supporting the Myer Horowitz [Theatre] and Dinwoodie

[Lounge]," lamented Brown. A strategy of effective marketing should facilitate the re-invigorating of these slumping businesses, he said.

Brown recognizes the value of the University's existing services, and forecasts an increased demand on the services as the student body increases by 5000 in the coming years. Brown is banking on his economics background to revitalize the SU services and keep the SU on a strong financial footing.

The Operations and Finance position is currently held by presidential hopeful Mike Chalk, whose term ends on April 30.

Vice-President (Academic) candidates try to make the grade

Neal Ozano

NEWS STAFF

TJ Adhihetty is a second-year Arts student. He is currently associate director of the exam registry.

Adhihetty believes that access to computer labs is important, as is on-line registration. He also believes that extending the hours of service will make the labs of more use. As VP (academic), he'd also like to see the changeover from the nine-point system have a lot of student consultation, "because we have to live with it, and we have to understand it."

He also wants to make sure that textbook prices stay low at the bookstore, as well as encourage professors to only order textbooks that students need.

The Alberta Libraries has just come on line, and, according to him, one of the SU's biggest goal should be to get students Alberta Library cards, which will allow everyone to take out books from any library. "Students need to have guarantees that they can get the resources that [the University has]. A lot of times, we're fighting amongst ourselves for books on a specific topic."

He believes that the balance between bursaries and scholarships is skewed too far towards the latter "We need more need-based bursaries to fill that gap." Adhihetty also wants to create bursaries and scholarships for second- to fourth-year students.

Vas Costopoulus, a third-year Political Science student, believes that his lack of SU experience is an advantage, rather than a disadvantage. "I don't have the SU edge. I think that I should qualify for this more, because I can bring actual freshness."

He said of the other candidates: "They are all insiders, even though they're never played this particular game before."

Costopoulus is also concerned with the changeover from the nine-point system, but has much higher goals, like a standard marking system across Canada. "I think that students are prepared to accept something like that. It is a vast undertaking, but totally worthwhile. If everyone in the country is working on the same academic scale, when you transfer somewhere else, your marks don't have to be calibrated on someone else's scale."

And, according to Costopoulus language requirements for academic staff are inadequate. "People are saying, 'I don't understand my TA. I don't understand my prof.' This is frustrating for students, and I have noticed it myself. It makes it very uncomfortable in a classroom situation where you're trying to understand what the prof is trying to give you." He would work with the University to change this.

Costopoulus feels that he has what it takes to be VP (Academic). "I have a lot of energy, and an ability to inspire others with that energy," he said.

BoG candidate plans for busy year remaking education system

Cameron Hoffman
News Staff

This year's lone candidate for Undergraduate Student Representative to the Board of Governors, Julien McNulty, states that his campaign centers around three

issues: tuition hikes, student loans, and better student representation. While McNulty stresses that a university education is "a privilege, but it's not a class privilege," he believes that current tuition rates are much too high: "30 per cent for a student to pay is bullshit," he stated. He promises to vote against

any proposals to raise tuition.

Regarding student loans, McNulty wants to use the BoG representative position to advocate for a change in the student loan program. Ideally, he would like to see Canada's student loan system changed to resemble Australia's, where McNulty claims that the

government pays for education, but forces repayment from students once they have graduated and entered the work force.

McNulty sees the BoG representative as "effectively the students' voice ... to the administration policy itself." He believes that if students must pay higher tuition, they

should receive better services. He considers the University "inaccessible," and believes that it offers inconvenient means for students to pay fees, fines, and tickets. He wants to try to create places on campus where students can pay, at one location, anything from parking tickets to tuition.

VP (External) candidates speak out about gov't

Laurie Graham
News Staff

Two very different and uniquely qualified individuals are running for the position of Students' Union Vice-President (External).

Leslie Church is a third-year Honours Political Science student who currently acts as representative on the Board of Governors, as well as having served on numerous Students' Union boards and committees. Church was prompted to run for the position of Vice-President (External) out of concern for the issues affecting students, particularly the current state of tuition and student loans programs.

"I believe students have a voice and need to have it heard," said Church. Her commitment to students and their concerns will extend to regular visits to classrooms, making the opportunity to send e-mail through the SU web-

site easier, and focusing on both going out to city hall and various community groups, as well as bringing them onto campus.

"The whole point of the VP (External) position is to make the community see that post-secondary education should be their highest priority. People need to know what happens at the University, and what students' concerns are."

In addition, Church wants to make tuition a national issue, since now there is no standard national approach to the issue. She is also working to have the athletes' village for the 2004 Track & Field Games built on campus to increase the amount of affordable student housing.

Jonathan Iverson, a second-year Political Science student and past Vice-President (External) of the Arts Students' Association, believes that "the government ... [and] the province need to get the message that a university educa-

tion is important."

According to Iverson, one of the VP (External)'s main responsibilities involves removing the elitist perspective connected with university education.

In his opinion, a large portion of the province's MLAs possess a rural perspective which doesn't place much importance on post-secondary education. His solution to this involves interacting closely with the provincial government as well as altering the university's reputation. Although "research is a necessary and important part of the university," Iverson feels that the University of Alberta's urge to develop a research-oriented public image may lose the public's attention, and eventually, that of the government.

Iverson also believes that a broader push is needed to control tuition and standardize the administrative and marking systems across Canada.

Job hunt should start early

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"There have been a lot of opportunities for students the past couple of years. The trend has been good, and most students find work, but because there are so many opportunities now, students should ask themselves, 'What's more important to me in a job, money or career experience?'" Schiebelbein said.

For truly enterprising students, Schiebelbein said that CaPS is conducting a career forum March 18 on starting your own business. The Business Link Service Centre, located downtown, also offers periodic info-sessions on how to start a business.

Schiebelbein also said that there are a number of government sponsored programs that most students, and even some employers, don't know about. "If a student knows about a government sponsored program, they can approach an institution and create a job for themselves, or they can make a funding proposal."

"It's really important to be proactive when job hunting," Schiebelbein said. "Networking is the most effective way to look. For example, it's a good idea to approach the employer you're interested in working for even before a job ad is posted, because many employers are happy to hire students without having to spend time and money on advertising."

For students wanting to learn more about job hunting strategies, they can go to CaPS, which is located on the second floor of SUB. CaPS offers students a wide variety of services including help with creating and updating resumes, improving job interview skills, and giving career counselling.

Student Life prospects want to liven up campus

Neal Ozano
Managing Editor

Three women are fighting for the right to the executive responsibility for programming and student services in the Students' Union.

Heather Clark, last year's Orientation Coordinator, and a third-year Education student, believes that the connections she made through Orientation will serve her well as Students' Union Vice-President (Student Life). Her many plans include holding a more vibrant Week of Welcome, and creating a cross-campus calendar, which would involve all the different groups and faculties, so that no event would overlap. "This year, Eng week overlapped with Ag/For week," she explained.

Last year, she helped introduce senior-year orientation. "Our first year went really well. We only had 100 people attend, but the people that went got something out of it."

She thinks that the program could be improved, though. "It would be good to offer [advice] alternatives to students [who didn't have to deal with student loans, such as] investments, or RSPs, people who take out a mortgage, stuff like that, that maybe someone like that might not know."

Khadija Jetha, a third-year Political Science student, believes that, if anything, her energy will carry her through the position of Student Life.

"I think I have a high level of energy, and I think that lends well to a position like this, because it's a position of outreach for the students."

Jetha suggested that the SU showcase athletics, as well as other campus talent. "We have so

much debate talent, so much political talent, so much great artistic talent, fine arts. Why not get [the Alumni Room] rented out, and showcase student's artwork?"

According to Jetha, a review of campus security might be advantageous. "In 30 years, there hasn't been an external review of their services. I think we need to do that."

Allyson Miller, a third-year student and former VP (Internal) of the Lister Hall Students' Association, believes that her experience programming events for the LHSA will help her in the position of Student Life.

She believes that meetings can only work if communication is in place. After volunteering to show up at a Student Life Board meeting, she discovered that the meeting had been cancelled without notice. She says that this won't happen with her as VP (Student Life), because "People won't want to volunteer if I'm not there."

Miller wants to change Orientation to include a section for transfer students who may already know the basics. "They know how to write their first exam, and have their first drink." Her improved orientation would include subjects less familiar to transfer students, such as the locations of services.

She suggested that "there are many avenues of communication that we don't use enough." Posters and Power Plant events are some of the ways that she would attempt to increase awareness of the SU.

Miller believes that there might be a market for non-alcoholic events on campus, and that simple things like Sumo suits and a sleeping-bag drive-in might grab students' attention.

Volunteers:
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EDITORIAL

Referendum question no question at all

A short while ago, I was faced with an ethical dilemma. As a news writer, I have an obligation to be fair and objective, and to avoid editorializing about the things on which I write.

Well, until now, the election-and the Students' Union as a whole-has been my beat. This is where the dilemma comes in: far better than the vast majority of this paper's readers, I know where a certain essential campaign-the fee-restructuring referendum-has been faltering.

As a person with influential power, I have something of a responsibility to inform the public about that which the proper channels have failed to do. But since it would be improper-or perceived to be improper-for me to report on an issue at the same time that I express my opinions about it, I have decided to cease writing news about the election. I will not pretend to be unbiased, but I as a news writer, I must appear so.

And with the referendum being approached from entirely the wrong angle, I can't stand by and let the SU face a possible fiasco.

The referendum's Yes side is running around madly, telling everyone that some 94 per cent of students would get their SU fees decreased by \$1.11 per year. Of course, they're also admitting that the rest of students face a fee increase, which offsets the lowered

fees for full-time students.

That's fine, they're being honest. But what the campaign is doing wrong is neglecting to tell the much more persuasive truth-that the University's new registration system can't handle the 18 categories of SU fees which are currently in place. Consequently, the failure of the referendum would cost the SU two dollars for every student on campus.

Because the Yes side is pushing the wrong aspect of the referendum question, disaster may ensue. The issue is very simple: a few students must accept a small increase to bring their fees in line with those of others, or else everyone faces a completely pointless two-dollar administrative levy for manually divvying up the SU's dollars.

There should be no contest in this referendum. The Yes side should be stressing that this is a necessity, not pretending that it's actually an issue. This is a referendum because SU policy requires fee changes to be approved by students, not because it's actually contentious.

I can't tell you why the campaign is so off-kilter. But I will tell you one thing, which, as News Editor, I probably shouldn't: you need to vote Yes on the referendum.

Dan Lazin
News Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let inch-foot-pound die

You launched the question concerning why Faculties Council rejected the current 9-point system (Editorial, Feb 25, 1999) suggesting that, among other reasons, it should stay due to alleged familiarity of students to it.

Well, I must disagree with this, because it's based on the assumption that people cannot change or would find it hard to change to another system. Coincidentally, it's been the same fallacious argument that has permeated our extremely conservative mindset in Canada. I'd like to think that change in this case is rather necessary.

In today's world of increasing globalization, it's becoming more and more important to adopt similar parameters of reference. Despite dissimilarities in grading policies among institutions of higher education, this fact is not a strong enough reason to discard grade-standardization efforts. Therefore, "uniqueness" is indeed a valid major concern. Why should each university have its own grading system, thus making some issues, such as transfer of credits, a major headache, despite the existence of conversion formulas? This is, coincidentally, also the exact same reason why we must bury, once and for all, this ridiculous system of units (if or imperial) still plaguing our society, and

which some people still strive to keep in this country.

If this particular issue is still not "unanimous" in this business, as one still finds different systems around, it's undeniable, that, like the metric system, the trend will eventually be for the adoption of the much more reasonable, sensible, superior, and easier to deal with, 100-point scale. It's just a matter of time until this also becomes a reality. Therefore, the statistics provided in this editorial just demonstrate that this is actually already occurring!

Once a 100-point scale is adopted, for instance, it is obvious that Academics would determine or create ranges that would define passing grades and levels of academic performance. While such ranges may differ from university to university, once this is defined, students would relate a lot better to them, than with some obscure 9-point scale. Research shows that human beings relate to decimal-based concepts a lot better than anything else. Therefore, the case for the adoption of a "percentage-based" type of scale is simply too overwhelming to overlook.

In any case, there is no more room for ultra-conservatism thinking into the next millennium. Those who still strive to defend the status quo and current procedures due to misguided emotionalism, aversion to change, and sheer stubbornness, will be left out and will suffer



the most. Now is the time for all of us to start changing our attitudes with regards to the issue of change before it's too late.

M BERGER
PENG, MBA, PHD STUDENT

Hello? What about GSA?

Is anyone paying attention to the [Graduate Students' elections at all this year? I know that the undergraduates' election is making heads spin with every lollipop that is handed out, but doesn't the GSA warrant the attention that the SU elections are getting? This is the body that helps grad students deal with the world. Can't we get any attention? Hello?

It makes me sad to think that *The Gateway*, which is supposedly the students' newspaper at this University, is only giving coverage to part of us.

DAVE APESICRAPPEN
BSC, GRAD STUDIES

A piece of the action

Dr. Oberg recently circulated a stirring piece of propaganda called "In Unison." It is a call for persons disabled to get out of their sickbeds and into the workforce. For this reason, I would like to become a Community Development Officer. I would like to be paid \$40,636.00 a year, and I would like to work at home. I would like to work in the inner city. I would like to start a restaurant, a catering service, a car co-operative, a computing service, a landscaping service, a handyman service, a cleaning service, a day-care, a store-front legal service, an alternate media co-operative, and a guerrilla theatre troupe.

I would like to establish a meaningful Ombudsman and a meaningful Privacy Commission. I would like funding from all levels of government, and from corporations. I would like my businesses to be wheelchair accessible, and worker-owned and operated. I would like my workers to earn \$7.00 an

hour, and have flexible hours. I would like them to have income support where necessary. I would like them to have adequate transportation and affordable housing.

The Government can be for this, or against it. Which is it?

ISABELLE FOORD

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Letters to the editor must include the name, student identification number, program, and year of study of the author to be considered for publication.

Stickin' it to The Man



Oluseyi Oladele

Normally, for Black History Month, I just rent *Jungle Fever* for Valentine's Day. But this year, I began to focus on its true meaning: The Man. Who's The Man? Neither Heavy D nor the Boyz knew in '92. Why should you care? Because this anthropomorphism runs all our lives.

The Man is the guy holding us down. He was the White guy corrupting the Black community with drugs and crime. He was the recruiting agent who drafted you to die in Vietnam. He was the British policeman who pulled you over because you looked 'suspicious.' Consequently, in Blaxploitation films, the heroes are 'boys' who throw off 400 year-old shackles to become Men, and turn the whip on their oppressors.

Of course, to make these films, in spite of The Man, they had to be non-threatening. Therefore, the films depicted stereotypes—Black men as drug-addicted, pimping animals who called their women 'bitches.' That is the intrinsic beauty of the genre, the contrast between the self-defeating niggers

in the streets and esteemed protagonist. This contrast still exists in Hip Hop, and is lost on the majority of its critics, and too many posers.

Superfly had the catchphrase "never a dude like this. He's got a plan to stick it to The Man." There were several ways he stuck it to The Man: by taking his women, his money, or his life. And all of these became incorporated into the image the Black Man as a violent hood out to get his money and White women. Yet I won't completely refute the portrait in *Shaft*, where Isaac Hayes' describes him as, "a sex machine to all the chicks." I prefer the model of the Trouble Man, Marvin Gaye, "Women yearned to be his lover or mother; men wanted him as a brother or best friend."

Every group has their version of The Man. This manifestation of a group's collective paranoia, in addition to likely being a genuine threat, aids cohesiveness and self-improvement. For example, being Canadian is reduced to not being American in our attempts to slow Manifest Destiny. And every group has its weapons to beat back The

Man. We have taxes. Some have magic underwear. Whatever.

To close, how about some trivial Black history coincidences that the past month is known for? The first artificial heart was implanted by Dr John Norman, a Black man who taught at Harvard. Work done in his lab was the inspiration for Isaac Asimov's *Fantastic Voyage*, and this title led to pop hits in the '70s and '90s for Lakeside and Coolio, respectively. Dr Norman also taught Dr Michael Crichton, author of *Jurassic Park* and creator of *ER*. Jeannie Boulet, played by a Canadian Black woman on *ER*, has HIV she contracted from unprotected sex. Coolio cut the song "Too Hot" to discourage unsafe sex and used the tune and title from a song by Kool & the Gang. During a performance of "Too Hot," the stage actually caught fire and burned down the club Kool & the Gang was playing. And do you know who was born in the city where that fire occurred? I have no idea, but not Dr John Norman. Too bad, that would have made this ending a lot less lame.

Every group has its weapons to beat back The Man. We have taxes. Some have magic underwear. Whatever.

NEAL OZANO'S TOP TEN

Reasons the SU elections suck

- 10 Most of the candidates are people you would have beat up in grade three.
- 9 Any vote for any candidate means you acknowledge that this system actually works.
- 8 Most students would rather throw their \$90 SU fees into a garbage can and set it on fire, than watch it go to waste in the SU's hands.
- 7 The SU runs two bars, but still can't turn a surplus budget.
- 6 Anyone elected has to suffer through the stupid cheer song in Students' Council (Trust me: it sucks ass).
- 5 Half the faculty of Engineering has midterms on the election days.
- 4 Most of Engineering doesn't care.
- 3 A pez dispenser can't win, but Khadija can.
- 2 I could hardly fill half the list if this were the "Top Ten best SU candidates this year."
- 1 I didn't run.

THE BURLAP SACK

This week's tiny Burlap Sack goes to everyone who wasn't at the forum yesterday in the Myer Horowitz Theatre. There was tons of room left over. Where were you? You weren't in class, since classes are cancelled for those two hours. You weren't at home, since you had classes.

There need to be people at the

forum for anyone to have any effect on something.

Well, that's it.

—NEAL OZANO

The Burlap Sack is a regular feature where a person or group that needs to be put in a sack and beaten is ridiculed in print. No sack beatings are actually administered.

summer job

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THE GATEWAY

The Gateway is now accepting applications for the world-rekowned and coveted position of

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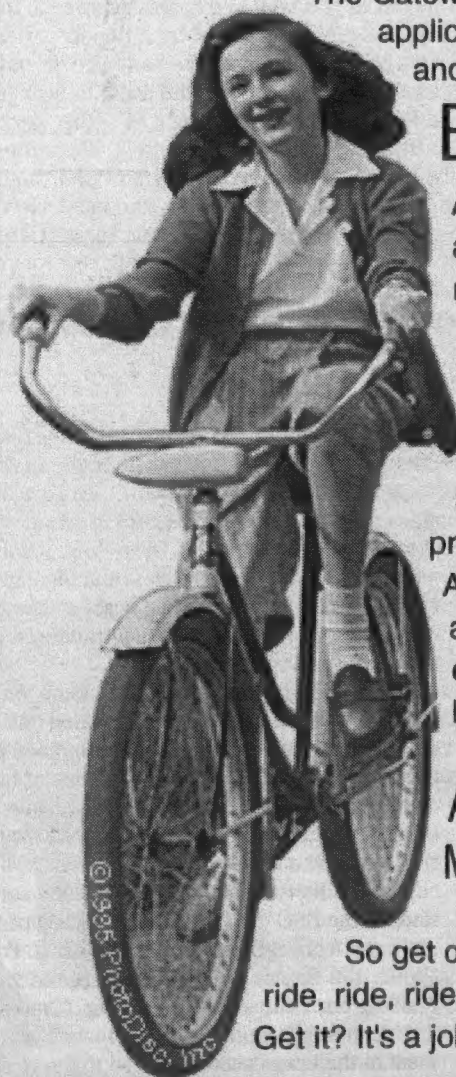
Photography, editing, proof-reading, reporting, layout, administrating, and pretty much everything else.

Strong knowledge of print production techniques is a must.

Applications may be dropped off at the Students' Union offices c/o Abbas Sabur, VP (Student Life).

Application deadline is March 4, 1999

So get on your bike, little doggie, and ride, ride, ride.
Get it? It's a joke. She's riding a bike.



A fitting tribute to the original glam rockers *Black Diamond prove they are the ultimate KISS impersonators*

**Black Diamond
with Madrazor**
New City Suburbs
27 February

Kelly Korpesio
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Walking into the large room of the New City Suburbs on Saturday night, I would never have expected that the low drone of the crowd, munching on their Funky Pickle pizza, could be perked up. Then again, I wouldn't exactly call myself a die-hard KISS fan, either. The presence of Black Diamond, The Ultimate KISS Tribute Band not only showed me why these guys with bad makeup are rock and roll icons, but even drew the lazy crowd away from their comfortable seats and pool tables.

The stage set was simple—a KISS logo on the drums and a bigger one lit up on centre stage with bright white, flashing bulbs. The instant I saw the stage, however, I knew the show would not be disappointing. The silent sirens, perched on the speakers, awaited the tribute band, and eardrums begged for earplugs at the sight of the suspicious-looking explosives that loomed in the background. This quiet scene, complete with its quarter-full 40-pounder bottle of Jack Daniels sitting beside the Gatorade and water, reminded me of the wild stage presence of the notorious KISS.

The crowd, who started to fill the middle of the dance floor, was soon appeased as all four rock and roll personas thundered onto the stage. The Cat, Claud Eiron, inconspicuous behind the drums, beat out the rhythms with great talent and intensity. The Starchild, Benny Doro, made the fat, leather-clad women swoon in the front row with his lead vocals and cut-glass guitar, and really big hair that matched their own. The Space Ace, Kurt Fronlich, was flawless and confident playing the lead guitar that has inspired so many. Finally, The Demon, Darren Harikima, boomed out the vocals and the bass, and masterfully displayed the other KISS icon, "the tongue."

From the KISS repertoire, building since 1973, Black Diamond selected a set list of



Black Diamond do Gene Simmons and Ace Frehley aka KISS.

Philip Labedz / THE GATEWAY

almost thirty songs. Though the die-hard KISS fan beside me mouthed all the lyrics, the crowd generally seemed less devout. I hoped that the foursome would attract more old KISS shirts, Bear wear, and banger fanatics. During favourite songs like "Detroit Rock City" and "Rock and Roll All Nite," though, the rock and roll passion finally exuded from the audience.

The excellent stage presence could not be disputed. The music was played with skill and confidence, and each man embraced their persona with edgy displays and interaction with the audience. There was never a lack of sirens, fireworks, oozing blood from The Demon, or moments when the drumbeat was accompanied by the earth-shattering explosions.

The show opened with the female trio, Madrazor, whom you may have seen in the media as "Edmonton's spacey answer to the Spice Girls." Supported by a bunch of parents on the sidelines and a handful of friends on the dance floor, they did seem to perk up a few heads with their tight, pleather pants and silver attire. Unfortunately, sometimes their mismatched harmonies and high-

pitched squeals sent a shiver of a reaction through the crowd. With covers like Nancy Sinatra's "These Boots Are Made For Walking," Jem and the Hologram's "Theme Song" and Madonna's "Like a Prayer," sung to the rave-inspired techno beats, the girls should be credited for trying to fully embrace feminine gurus.

Madrazor seemed to exude more confidence and stage personality as their set went on. The night was all about decadence, stage performance and musical entertainment. The main thing that Madrazor could learn from Black Diamond is that they need the music part, too, since their original songs didn't seem to fly. If success means sticking to covers by legends like KISS, then hey, go for it. The women just have to watch that they don't get too mesmerized by their own performance as they drift off into their own world that they forget to listen to each other.

The whole show was entertaining. The only way it could have been better is if a larger crowd had showed up to see Black Diamond. Then they wouldn't have had to spend half their time encouraging support from the audience themselves.

Grammy Award-winning conductor commands bebop classics

**Parade of Pops
Jeff Tyzik, conductor
with the ESO**
Winspear Centre
26 February

Brian Watson
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Accomplished conductor Jeff Tyzik and the stars of the ESO showcased a diverse selection of pop, ragtime, rhythm and blues, and classical standards for the near-capacity crowd at the Winspear last Friday night. Tyzik, who won a Grammy in 1986, is the principal Pops conductor for the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and has produced records with Doc Severinsen and Chuck Mangione. Tyzik also proved himself to be a charismatic host by explaining the arrangements of the pieces chosen for the Parade of Pops performance with humour and without a hint of condescension.

Tyzik started the evening by showcasing

principal cellist Ryan Collin in a rousing rendition of "Malaguena," followed by the funky "Song of the Volga Boatman." Tyzik then slowed the pace with the soothing sounds of "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You" before jumping into what proved to be the highlight of the evening, a toe-tapping, side-slapping, "When the Saints" that received thunderous applause from the audience.

Tyzik guided the Orchestra through a beautifully arranged "Amazing Grace" with melodies that soared beyond the confines of the concert hall. He also included one of his own compositions, "Blue Rondo for Strings," a richly orchestrated blues-influenced piece that featured a dueling cello and violin.

The conductor highlighted different sections of the ESO during the show by separating them from the rest of the orchestra. For "When the Saints," the clarinet rocked the house from centre stage, and for "Canzon XVI" a churchly intimacy was achieved when most of the brass section moved to the main floor seating. When Tyzik brought the bass section to centre stage for Mulligan's

"Walking Shoes," what promised to be a bebop treat became the evening's low point. Despite inspired playing, the bassists took the bop out of be-bop because many of their notes were played too low to be heard clearly. Perhaps the problem was poor microphone placement, but the piece could have been much livelier had the players put their bows away and picked out the notes with their fingers.

"Miller Memories," a medley of Glenn Miller staples ("Chattanooga Choo Choo," "Pennsylvania 65000," and "In The Mood") was the climax of the evening, in which Tyzik thrilled the audience with his own trumpet solos. With these familiar melodies, Tyzik took the audience back to the 1930s. The gray heads in the audience swayed with expressions of sweet recollection while the not-so-gray soaked up the waves of the ESO's big band sound. The night bridged both generations and eras of music, and Tyzik and the ESO were rewarded with a boisterous standing ovation at the evening's end.

Reliving the '80s



200 Cigarettes

written by Shana Larsen

directed by Risa Bramon Garcia

starring Martha Plimpton, Ben Affleck,
Christina Ricci, and Courtney Love

Paramount

Cineplex Odeon

now showing

Dave Alexander

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It's New Year's Eve, 1981. In the pre-AIDS epidemic era of neon and bad hair, an assortment of young New Yorkers are preparing to go to a party in order to get drunk and meet their one night stand. *200 Cigarettes* is an ensemble film, dealing with relationships, friendships, and courtship. Throw a dozen or so characters in the dramatic blender, and see who ends up with who, sort of a 90-minute soap opera.

The unnamed "disco cabbie" (Dave Chapelle) acts as the pot smoking, advice dispensing guru that ties the story together, as he ends up driving most of the characters around at one point or another. As midnight approaches, Monica (Martha Plimpton) becomes increasingly hysterical that no one is showing up at her party. She even resorts to bribing her friend and only guest, Hillary (Catherine Kellner), with the promise of first crack at whatever man walks through the door. Meanwhile, Monica's ex-boyfriend/artist, Eric (Brian McCauley) is getting ditched by his girlfriend Bridget (Nicole Parker) and her competitive friend Caitlyn (Angela Featherstone) in order to hit on the handsome, yet nerdy, bartender, played by Ben Affleck. Also competing for his affection is Lucy (Courtney Love), who is really in love with her angst-ridden friend, Kevin (Paul Rudd). Kevin, however, is too distraught over breaking up with his performance artist girlfriend, Ellie (Janeane Garofalo), to realize Lucy's feelings for him. Similarly distraught is Cindy (Kate Hudson), who is clumsily trying to survive a date with Jack (Jay Mohr), the man she lost her virginity to the night before. She thinks she's in love, but he only shows interest upon learning that he's her first. Rounding out the cast are Christina Ricci and Gaby Hoffmann, as Val and Stephanie, a couple of underage teeny boppers from the Bronx. Unable to find the correct address of the party, they end up at a punker bar where they meet Tom and Dave (Casey Affleck and Guillermo Diaz). Eventually everyone ends up at Monica's for a rousing New Year's bash and a shot at finding their special someone. The conclusion of the film holds a few surprises, and relays a warm sense of nostalgia for a time when sex with multiple partners wasn't lethal.

The visually pleasing film is saturated with vibrant colours and characters. While nice to look at, the setting is somewhat stogy, often conveying the sterility of a movie set, not the dinginess of an urban city. Because the film isn't striving for realism, however, this is a minor problem. *200 Cigarettes* is meant to be a lighthearted peek into the lives of a group of young people as they contemplate (with great uncertainty) their place in the world. On this level, the film is effective and entertaining. Like the '80s, it shouldn't be taken seriously.

Dracula now a ballet with real bite



Zhang Wei-Qiang, as Dracula, takes a bite out of one of his victims, Tara Birtwhistle.

Dracula
Royal Winnipeg Ballet
 Jubilee Auditorium
 2 and 3 February

Christine Marchetti
 Arts & Entertainment Staff

At a time in history when everyday headlines are the stuff of horror films, why is it that we are still intrigued and frightened by long-standing myths? Although often desensitized to the violence we read about and see each day, certain myths manage to still elicit spine tingles.

Perhaps the heebie jeebiest of them all is the myth of that ancient blood sucking Transylvanian, Count Dracula. Bram Stoker's famous blood lover, veteran of many a motion picture, tries his hand at ballet in the Royal Winnipeg Ballet's production of *Dracula*, playing at the Jubilee Auditorium this week.

Choreographed by the much-in-demand Mark Godden, and set to the music of composer Gustav Mahler, *Dracula* promises to be a bloody good show.

Paul Daigle, set and costume designer for the show, had a challenge in his designing: how do you create a visual representation scary enough to match that of our imagination? Judging from the reviews in Winnipeg, Daigle certainly met that challenge.

Daigle, a former dancer who trained at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School, says, "It feels just fine to be behind the scenes." Working with friend Mark Godden, whom he first met at the school, Daigle seems to have managed to create a world worth visiting. Collaborating with Godden was "so much fun" for Daigle, a pleasure you can't miss in his voice when he speaks of Godden.

"There's an intuition between us," he says,

something invaluable when you understand a designer's job involves interpreting and incorporating the choreographer's vision.

Daigle explains that the creative inspiration for the ballet was Stoker's novel. "Mark's jumping off point was the novel ... [it] was both of our passion."

The myth imbedded in our collective consciousness is not ignored, however. "Mark explores the myth of the vampire as a shape shifter. And as vampires through time ... spanning centuries and the different forms and shapes that vampires take in history," Daigle clarifies.

The whole second act is dedicated to exploring the myth, while the first and third act are directly related to the novel; the first act is dedicated to Lucy, and the third to Mina, both pivotal characters in the novel.

Daigle's designs borrow from many genres. There are Vaudeville-style costumes at the top of the second act and the gothic element is also incorporated. "I've tried to evoke that seaside setting, melancholy, wistful, pastoral, gentle," ideas Daigle believes have been neglected in the past.

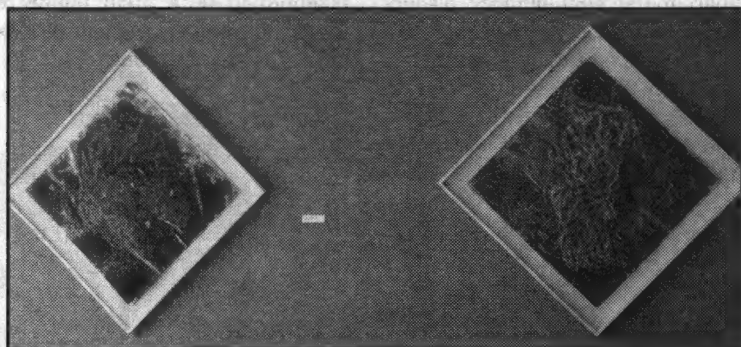
"I feel that all those themes loom large in the novel and I think they've been ignored by filmmakers, especially in popular culture."

Daigle also had the opportunity to help establish character through costume, a gift almost unheard of in costume design for dance. "I got to design character's costumes for characters dancing," Daigle enthuses "...so hopefully I rose to the challenge."

Although there are some special effects, Daigle explains they are minimal. "Everything on stage is extremely simple but effective, and I think that magnifies the effectiveness of what we've done."

What they've done is put together a new ballet in an impossibly short length of time: nine months. *Dracula* will be a ballet you can really sink your teeth into.

Real life and literature inspires abstract paintings



Alan Wharmby / THE GATEWAY

The Stolen Child
 Ruby Mah, MFA Painting
 FAB Gallery
 until 7 March

Lynsey Bechert
 Arts & Entertainment Staff

The title of Ruby Mah's final Master of Fine Arts exhibit, *The Stolen Child*, comes from a William Butler Yeats poem of the same title. Each of the poem's stanzas end with the lines, "The world's more full of weeping/ than you can understand." This relates to Mah's work, in that much of it reflects the personal traumas she was dealing with at the time of the paintings' creation. As well, Mah sees the creative act as "an act of childhood ... of repossessing freedom."

The Stolen Child features large-scale abstract paintings that integrate colour with different materials such as cheesecloth, beads, glitter, and light exposure film. At once bold and enthralling, Mah says she prefers to paint in abstract as opposed to figurative. "Figurative already has implications of pathos, while in abstract you can push the boundaries, but maintain some privacy." She sees the paintings as a visual representation

of an emotion.

Looking at the paintings, both emotional and cerebral reactions were evoked. What is most engaging about Mah's work is her use of colour. Many of the paintings have a live quality to them. The vivid colours intersect, merge, and blend in very different ways. Sometimes the interaction is disconcerting, other times it is exciting, and other times yet, subduing. The use of the odd materials is very effective. Each painting has a central shape made of cheesecloth. The cloth is buckled, folded, and crumpled in different manners, with various other materials placed around or on top of the central figure. It is as if the central figure in the painting is the core of an emotion, and the surroundings the context the emotion stems from.

The titles of the paintings in *The Stolen Child* are lines from the poems of Guillaume Apollinaire, an early twentieth century French poet who was active in art criticism. While painting, Mah read a translated copy of one of Apollinaire's books and felt many of the lines corresponded with what she was painting. Including such lines as "We can weep without absurdity and know how to laugh," Mah's paintings are well accompanied with charming titles. Ruby Mah's exhibit, *The Stolen Child*, is well worth your time.

THE GATEWAY

Literary Contest

The Gateway is now accepting submissions for its Second Annual Literary Contest. Categories this year are:

Short story fiction

Short poetry

Entries should not exceed 2000 words in length. All applicants must be University of Alberta students.

Entries should be dropped off at the Gateway offices: 0-10 SUB (basement).

Deadline is Friday, March 12, 1999

Winning entries will be published in The Gateway.

The First Place entry in each category will be awarded \$50 cash prize.



Rock 'em sock 'em action on stage

Band Off a cool way to see Edmonton's diversity

**Green Pepper Records Hockey
Band Off
with Bullyproof, Hyperpsyche, Mad
Bomber Society, Mammoth, Mollys
Reach, and The Smalls
The Rev
26 February**

Geoff Moysa

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Friday night's Band Off at the Rev Cabaret was easily one of the most stereotypically Canadian nights of live music I've ever experienced. This is not to say that it was at all bad, however. In fact, it was a lot of fun.

Six of Edmonton's finest bands came out to celebrate the finale of the first season of the Green Pepper Hockey League (GPHL), an initiative put together by local musician Brent Oliver. The teams, consisting of bands such as Mollys Reach, Hyperpsyche and The Smalls, have been lacing up their skates every Monday night since December to raise money for minor hockey. The evening's festivities were a pretty clear indication that they had some fun along the way, too.

Unfortunately, the show started half an hour earlier than scheduled, so I missed Hyperpsyche's set. I waded through the hockey jersey-garbed crowd just in time to see Mollys Reach pick up their instruments and rock the house with their poppy brand of alternative rock. Why these guys haven't had more mainstream success yet is beyond me. They might have placed 5th in the GPHL, but Mollys Reach's lively set proved they deserve a much higher ranking in the Canadian rock scene.

Next up were The Smalls, the most eagerly anticipated band of the night. For probably the first time ever, though, they ended up being the disappointment of the show. They perfunctorily played 4 songs from their soon-to-be released album, then left the stage with no explanation, leaving fans with a bitter taste in their mouths. Furthermore, the band

looked uncharacteristically bored during the set, and singer Mike Caldwell seemed to be less mobile on stage than the band's drum set.

Bullyproof did a pretty admirable job of picking up the slack, however, and, despite a few technical glitches, got the crowd back into things. They played an infectious style of rock-driven pop-punk, which was well-suited to the (sometimes annoyingly nasal) female lead vocals. Unfortunately, Bullyproof took it upon themselves to fill in the extra 15 minutes or so that The Smalls had left, as well as their own half hour. The result was a set that was too long, and the audience began to lose interest halfway through.

The Mad Bomber Society was the second last band to appear, and might have ended up headlining the event if they hadn't lost to Mammoth in the final by default. They made up for this by putting on the best show of the night. It might have just been that they provided a welcome break of danceable ska from the steady stream of guitar driven rock, but it was more likely due to the sheer energy of the performance.

Singer/guitarist Rich Bomber led the incredibly tight set, even though he was playing with a broken left ring finger. This, combined with the crazy horn section and the precision of the drums and bass, proved why the Mad Bomber Society is Edmonton's best ska band.

Mammoth was the last band to play, and, while they won the hockey tournament, they were probably the least interesting band of the night. Even though their stage show was fairly intense, it was lost in the generic style of metal that characterized all of their material. After a while, it seemed as though they were playing the same song over and over again.

Despite being the main attraction, the live music was not the only source of entertainment Friday evening. Between bands, organizer Brent Oliver took to the stage and gave out awards to the MVP of each hockey team, as well as a joke award to each team collec-

tively. The Boston Smalls received a hard hat for taking the worst beating, and the Mammoth Blackhawks got the board game *Sorry* as a joking admonition for their constant slander of the Mad Bomber Society Maple Leafs. The bands also took this as a forum to air their good-natured grievances

about the dirty and questionable tactics of certain rival teams.

As much a post-game party as live concert, the very entertaining GPHL *Band Off* has the potential to be a great annual event, and Oliver has every intention of repeating the fun in the years to come.



Mad Bomber Society was one of the six bands to compete in the Green Pepper Hockey League. MBS had the best record, and one of the better stage shows at the final event, the Band Off, last Friday night.

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1999 GSA Elections & Referenda

Elections will be held for the positions of

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- President
- Vice President Internal
- Vice President Student Services

A By-election will be held for the position of

- Vice President Finance and Administration

Please see page 3 for more info on candidates and the by-election

Referenda Questions

Full-time students will be voting on the following referenda questions:

1. Should the Graduate Students 'Association of the University of Alberta represent all graduate students who are academically employed at the University of Alberta (including, but not limited to: Research Assistants, Teaching Assistants, Primary Instructors, Sessionals, Trust Employees, Lab Demonstrators, and Markers)?

2. Should the Graduate Students 'Association provide a health care plan by Alberta Blue Cross for all full-time graduate students?

Meaning of a Yes vote:

The GSA will administer a health care plan through Alberta Blue Cross for all full-time graduate students. Beginning in September 1999, the annual premium for this plan will be \$148.01 for individuals, with an optional family rate of \$377.78 (student included). Students with proof of coverage elsewhere will not be required to pay the premium. This is in addition to the existing dental care plan.

Note: A \$5.00 administrative fee will be added by the GSA to the above premium in order to cover its administrative costs for advertising and running the health care plan.

Meaning of a No vote:

The GSA will not administer a health care plan.

Part-time students will be voting on the following referenda questions:

1. Should the Graduate Students 'Association of the University of Alberta represent all graduate students who are academically employed at the University of Alberta (including, but not limited to: Research Assistants, Teaching Assistants, Primary Instructors, Sessionals, Trust Employees, Lab Demonstrators, and Markers)?

2. Should all part-time graduate students be required to purchase benefits with the Alberta Blue Cross health care plan to be administered by the Graduate Students 'Association?

Meaning of a Yes vote:

Part-time graduate students will be required to purchase the Alberta Blue Cross health care plan as provided to full-time students. The annual premium for the plan, beginning in September 1999, will be \$148.01 for individuals, with an optional family rate of \$377.78 (student included). Students with proof of coverage elsewhere will not be required to pay the premium.

Note: A \$5.00 administrative fee will be added by the GSA to the above premium in order to cover its administrative costs for advertising and running the health care plan.

Meaning of a No vote:

Part-time students will not be required to pay the annual health care plan premium, and will not be eligible for the health care plan benefits.

Where to Vote

Students in the following list of departments must vote in their department during office hours on March 10th & 11th, 1999. All other students whose departments are not listed here must vote at the GSA offices which are located at #206 North Power Plant. Voting in the participating departments will close at 2 p.m. on Thursday March 11th. Again, if you do not see your department listed here, you must vote at the GSA offices. Note: You cannot vote by e-mail, you must physically cast your ballot.

Agriculture Food & Nutritional Science
 Biological Sciences
 Business MBA
 Cell Biology & Anatomy
 Chemical & Materials Engineering
 Chemistry
 Computing Science
 Drama
 Earth & Atmospheric Sciences
 Economics
 Educational Policy Studies
 Elementary Education
 English
 History & Classics
 Human Ecology

Law
 Linguistics
 Library & Information Studies
 Mathematical Sciences
 Medical Genetics
 Medical Microbiology & Immunology
 Modern Languages & Cultural Studies
 Music
 Neuroscience
 Nursing
 Occupational Therapy
 Oncology
 Pharmacology
 Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
 Philosophy
 Physical Education & Recreation
 Physics
 Physiology
 Political Science
 Psychology
 Public Health Sciences
 Rural Economy
 Secondary Education
 Sociology

Note: Due to circumstances beyond our control, this list may change slightly between the date of publication and the dates of the elections. Please contact the office if there are any questions (-2175).

When to Vote

Students in participating departments can vote during office hours on March 10th and 11th, 1999. Voting in participating departments will close on or around 2 p.m. on Thursday March 11th to facilitate collection of ballot boxes.

All other students wishing to vote must do so at the GSA Office during the following times:

9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 10th, 1999.
 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11th, 1999.

What if I am away on those days?

Advance polls will open in the GSA Offices only, on March 4th and 5th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Remember: You cannot vote by e-mail!

Bring your student ID card when you vote!

Candidates

All Candidates Forum

Monday March 8th, 1999 Everyone Welcome!
5:00 – 6:00p.m. in Council Chambers in University Hall

President (acclaimed)

Laura Bonnett (independent)

Executive Vice President (3 candidates)

Lily Cho (Red & Black)

Shannon McEwen (independent)

Ajay Srivastava (independent)

Vice President Internal (acclaimed)

Julie Harris (Red & Black)

Note: candidates are either listed with their slate name where applicable, or as independent if they are not running on a slate.

Vice President Academic (2 candidates)

Javed Afsar (independent)

Yaqian Liu (no submission) (independent)

Vice President Student Services (acclaimed)

Ayman Kamel (independent)

Vice President Finance and Administration (uncontested)

Note: by-election for this spot will occur on March 22, 1999 at the GSA Annual General Meeting. Nominations will be accepted until the AGM and from the floor.

President

Laura Bonnett (Independent)

What does leadership mean to you in the last year of the 1990s? To me, it means a person who can listen well to constituents and try hard to understand and represent their concerns. It means ensuring that decisions made on this campus by the university administration take graduate students into account.

To me, good leadership means working hard to see that graduate students get the most out of their academic and social life while at the University of Alberta, in an environment that values equality and the academic contributions that students make. As President, I will bring these leadership qualities to the GSA.

After completing my B.A. and M.A. at Carleton University in Ottawa, I am now a second year Ph.D. student in Political Science. While at Carleton, I was Vice-President Administration of the undergraduate Students' Association. At the University of Alberta, I have been a Political Science Representative on the GSA for two years, and a student rep on the Campus Law Review Committee, the General Faculties Council, the GSA Extended Health Care Plan Committee, the Senate Forum on Graduate Student Issues, and my own department's graduate committee.



On these committees I have worked hard to ensure that the best interests of graduate students were represented. I have also consistently demonstrated that the needs of graduate students - financial, social, academic and employment - can be very different from undergraduates. Often, the university administration overlooks this!

As President, I think that one of the assessment of graduate students. In a survey, you could inform me of your interests and concerns. A survey would help the GSA determine its path for the year 1999-2000. You could tell me what the GSA is doing right, and what you want it to do better in the future.

With my experience and dedication, I will provide graduate students with strong and effective representation in the coming year. I look forward to working with you, and for you, into the next millennium.

Executive Vice President

Lily Cho (Red & Black)

Hi! I'm Lily Cho and I am running for the position of Executive Vice-President. I am running on the Red and Black slate with Julie Harris.



Currently, I am working on my Ph.D. in English. I received my M.A. in English from Queen's University in Kingston and my B.A. (Hons.) here at the University of Alberta. I am running for this position because I feel very strongly about the need for effective and activist graduate student advocacy. Talking to other graduate students, I see that

there are some real concerns about issues such as funding and the double bind many of us face working as teachers and students at the same time. Next year, the FGSR Grey Book on the Funding of Graduate Students is up for re-negotiation. I want to lead the GSA community into negotiations that reflect and recognize the incredibly diverse and crucial contributions graduate students make to the university. To that end, I want to build on the work of past executive by pursuing the issue of secure and adequate remuneration through negotiation items such as 5 year funding models for Ph.D. students and salary increases.

I am also committed to acting on the conclusions of the GSA/FGSR sponsored report on graduate student employment, "A Time for Action." We cannot simply assert the value of graduate student work in quantitative terms such as teaching loads and research dollars, but also in qualitative terms which emphasize our intellectual, social and cultural contribu-

tion to the larger community. By continuing to pursue issues of equity and access, we can build on the strength in the diversity of our own community.

I have experience in committee work, organizing and student representation both within the university and at provincial and federal levels of government - some of which includes:

- GSA Councillor, 1998-99
- GSANC (Graduate Student Association Negotiating Committee) committee member, 1998-99
- graduate student representative, English Department Council, 1998-99
- participant in the Senate Forum on the Role of Graduate Students at the University of Alberta, 1999
- Adamant Eve Collective, CJSR radio, 1998-99
- Frontier College - Students for Literacy, a group which trains organizes university students to be literacy tutors in the community, 1994-97
- Living Positive, a society lobbying for the rights of persons living with HIV, 1996
- appointed to the Board of Directors of Learning for a Sustainable Future, a group involving the federal and provincial ministers of education and environment, corporations and activists working to implement sustainability education in Canadian schools, 1993-98

The GSA has a significant role to play in being a strong and active voice for graduate students. I want to be a part of that voice as your Executive Vice-President.

If you have any questions or comments, please email me: lcho@ualberta.ca. Also, please visit my web page for more information on my campaign and the issues I am committed to pursuing: www.ualberta.ca/~lcho

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Executive Vice President**Shannon McEwen (Independent)**

My name is Shannon McEwen and I would like you to elect me as the next Executive Vice President of our Graduate Students' Association. I am committed to being a strong and effective voice representing our needs as graduate students to the administration and the various committees in the Executive VP's portfolio. I believe this is best accomplished through maintaining close ties with the President, Executive, Council, and you the graduate students.

The role of the Executive Vice President is to work closely with the President in fulfilling the goals and mandate of the GSA Exec. The Executive VP is also responsible for representing graduate students on a number of key committees including General Faculties Council (GFC), the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Council, and GSANC. The Executive VP chairs GSANC, the GSA's Negotiating Committee, the group of graduate students responsible for negotiating graduate assistantship contracts. The 1999-2000 academic year should prove to be an interesting time of negotiating our contracts as the sunset clause expires on the Grey book. The Executive VP also represents U of A students at the federal level through participation in the Canadian Graduate Council (CGC).

It is essential the position of Executive VP be filled by an energetic and outgoing candidate with the necessary negotiating skills and committee experience—a candidate who will be a strong voice representing graduate student needs at the various administrative levels. I have the experience to fill this position. I recently completed my MSc and am currently working on my PhD in the department of Linguistics. I have been an active participant on GSA council for the past two years, serving as the department of Linguistics representative. I am also a graduate student representative on the General Faculties Council (GFC). Last year I sat on the Awards Selection Committee for Awards Night. More recently, I am the graduate student representative on the University's 2001 World Track and Field Championship committee. I bring to this position strong interpersonal skills and the desire to work as a team player. I believe it is crucial to build on the foundations of the previous executive's initiatives—particularly their Strategic Plan. In the graduate funding report "The Time for Action" recently released by Paul Martin, Jennifer Backler, and Richard Janzen, I was outraged to find out that GAs are negotiated after the budget has been set for the upcoming year. As the Executive VP chairs GSANC meetings, I believe it is essential to lobby for change with regards to when we go to the negotiating table—ensuring that our needs are most effectively represented and met. I am also committed to lobbying for eliminating the differential fee for foreign students, fighting maximum tuition increases, and lobbying for tuition top up scholarships for GAs.

If you would like additional information, feel free to contact me via email: smc7@ualberta.ca or visit my home page <http://www.ualberta.ca/~smc7>. Please remember to vote March 10th and 11th.

**Ajay Srivastava (Independent)**

Hello everyone,

At the very outset thanks for taking the time to go through this write up. My name is Ajay Srivastava and I am running for the position of VP Executive at this year's GSA elections. I have been at this university for just under two years now and I have experienced the challenges of graduate life at this university. Being an international graduate student that challenge was compounded by the additional pressures of needing to pay the differential fees and make ends meet. I was fortunate in my second year to have received a tuition scholarship, not many out there are that fortunate! While the University is an institution where all its students should be treated equally and given an environment conducive to academic development, placing a financial burden in the form of differential fees is certainly no way of doing it! It is more regressive than progressive! If elected, it would be my endeavour to work with the GSA executive towards the ultimate abolishment of differential fees at this university.



There are many other issues with respect to graduate students that need to be dealt with. One of them is the steady increase in fees which is not followed by a steady increase in our salaries. As VP executive I will be in a position to negotiate on behalf of the graduate student community for a better deal! All in all if elected I will be working in the best interests of the graduate student community.

So come out on 10th and 11th of March and vote me to the office of VP Executive. Once again that is Ajay Srivastava for VP Executive.

Thanks bunches!!

Relevant Experience:**At U of A:**

- Currently Grad Rep to the GSA council from Department of Biological Sciences.
- Was on the Organizing committee for the 3rd Annual •Department of Biological Sciences xResearch Days.
- Was a member of the Campus safewalk.
- Teaching assistant Department of Biological Sciences.

Elsewhere:

- Was a councillor representing School of Life Sciences at the Jawaharlal Nehru University students union, New Delhi, India.
- Was on the campus improvement committee at the Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- On the Organizing committee for the School of Life Sciences Annual Celebrations.
- Lead a march of Graduate students to the Department of Science and Technology, Govt of India, to protest the stagnation in student salaries.

Other activities:

- An avid cricketer, Captained the Simon Fraser University cricket team.
- I like to play Tennis, Squash, Badminton, Ping Pong etc.

VP Internal

Julie Harris (Red & Black)

My name is Julie Harris and I am running for the position of Vice-President Internal on the 'Red and Black' slate with Lily Cho who is running for the position of Executive Vice-President. I am still working on my Master's degree at the school of Library and Information Studies (LIS). I completed my undergraduate degree in history at McGill University in Montreal.

I have had an exciting year as your Executive Vice-President. Some of the highlights include:

- GSA Negotiations Committee Chair
- Co-chairing the Taskforce on Graduate Student Employment
- Visiting Lectureship on Human Rights committee member
- Representing graduate students on the Alumni Council, General Faculties executive and council, FGSR council, and the numerous committees



I feel that my strengths will be suited to the position of VP (Internal). My degree in Library and Information Studies provides me with a practical foundation for the many duties that this position entails.

Goals for 1999-2000

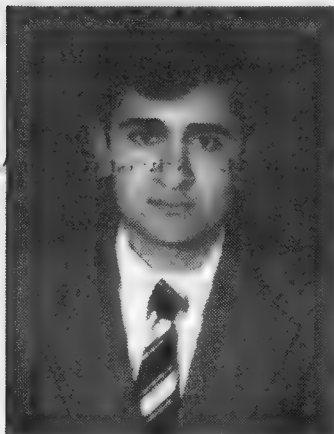
- Work with the staff to create sustainable and manageable databases for the GSA
- Provide internal support for the rest of the executive
- Increase student involvement in the GSA
- Strengthen communications between the various graduate programs
- Continue to raise the level of awareness concerning graduate student issues
- Examine the potential for a U of A graduate research conference

"Understanding information: exploring issues, creating access, pursuing equity."
School of Library and Information Studies

If you have any questions my email is
jkharris@ualberta.ca.
Thank you, Julie Harris

VP Academic

Javed Afsar



Hi! I am Javed Afsar running for the position of VP academic. I got my bachelors degree from NED University Karachi in Pakistan. Currently I am enrolled as a full time MSc student in Structural Engineering. I have worked as a student member independently as well as a part of team for various student associations back at my country. Therefore, I also have a little bit experience of student politics.

The role of VP academic is to provide help in finding solutions to various problems that students may encounter during their academic period. I would also like to help other GSA members in organizing a wide range of social and cultural events for students ensuring a busy time, both academically and socially during their time at University.

In the end I want to make you sure that if elected I will try my best to come up your expectations within the available resources. I want every grad student to practice his right of vote to build a better GSA.

Please email your suggestions and comments at
jafsar@ualberta.ca

VP Student Services

Ayman Kamel

Hi everyone, my name is Ayman Kamel and I am running for the position of VP student Services VPSS on the GSA Executive. Currently I am in my second year Ph.D. in Civil Engineering. The position of the VPSS requires that a person chair or sit on various committees including, General Faculties Council (GFC), Campus Food Bank, Employment Equity Committee, Campus Recreation Advisory Committee, Planning Committee, Housing and Food Services Advisory Council. Organizing orientation, the Holiday Social and Graduate Student Awareness week, organizing GSA Socials, and Chairing the GSA Awards Night Committee is also the responsibility of the VPSS. So, as can be seen it is a very important, student-oriented portfolio. I have been a volunteer on the GFC from the previous term, where I found it really interesting to share in making the different decisions concerning the progress of the university, and to point our view as graduate students of the university on different issues.

Hopefully, I will try to improve the orientation week ceremonies, putting a greater emphasis on orienting the new students to the university. Also, by working together with the International Center helping students smother integrate into graduate school and try to help adjusting the foreign students from

different backgrounds and cultures to the life here in Edmonton. I guess I have an idea about how it feels, as I completed my Bachelor of Science and my Master of Science degrees (Civil Engineering) in Egypt, I also lived in Wales, UK for about seven years as my dad was taking his M.Sc. and Ph.D. from Swansea University, I have also been to France, Italy, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and I stayed in Split, Croatia for six weeks as part of a program of exchanging undergraduate students between countries. In general I am an outgoing and social person, like to be involved, meet people, and I have previous experience in student services back in Egypt, and just as a reminder, school is very important but so are lots of other activities here on campus, which go hand in hand with academics, I wish you all good luck this year.



Health Plan Referendum "NOCampaign" Submission

TOO MUCH MONEY FOR THE WRONG COVERAGE

YOU ALREADY PAY OVER \$600 FOR HEALTH INSURANCE.

The proposed GSA health plan would force most graduate students to pay an additional annual fee of \$153.01. The \$153.01 is on top of the \$144.00 for the GSA dental plan, \$43.08 for University Health Services, and about \$400 for Alberta Health Care. The GSA has just fought tooth and nail to limit the tuition increase to 6.7%, rather than 8.29% - a savings of about \$50 for Canadian and \$80 for international students. The health care plan would more than eat up those savings.

OVER \$40,000 ARE WASTED ON ADMINISTRATION.

6.8% of the \$153.01 are charged to cover administrative costs by the GSA and a private consulting firm. For 4000 graduate students this will amount to over \$40,000. Of the remaining \$142.60 an unknown amount is used to cover Blue Cross's administrative costs. Can we graduate students afford to pay for all this bureaucracy?

THIS PLAN WILL NOT SAVE YOU FROM DISASTER.

We graduate students are generally young and healthy. We want a health plan that would cover disasters. Most of these disasters are covered by Alberta Health. The remaining risks are few, but worrisome. Take extensive physiotherapy after an accident as an example. Would the proposed plan protect you? No. It covers only the first \$300.00, after that you still pay the bill! Almost all benefits have a cap, instead of a deductible. In general, this plan will help you save the first few dollars of a potentially expensive bill. If you are in real need, facing a bill of thousands of dollars, you are still without protection.

IF YOU DON'T GET DISASTER PREVENTION, WHAT ARE YOU GETTING?

You do get 70% of the cost of your prescription drugs back (including birth control pill, but not condoms!). Did you or your family spend over \$200 per person last year for prescription drugs to claim \$153.01? The cost of the plan would be much lower, if it would cover real emergencies only.

DO YOU LIKE TO PAY FOR SOMEONE'S UNNECESSARY MASSAGE THERAPY?

Without deductibles, the proposed plan is an invitation for those that want to get their "money's worth". They could save a few bucks for treatment they might not really need. Let's take massage therapy: Wouldn't you like a massage? Paid for by your plan? Actually, paid for by all of us! If the (ab-)use of the benefits increases, Blue Cross will increase the annual fees, and you will pay more.

VOTE NO.

Read the conditions of the coverage of the proposed plan, enclosed in this special issue. Think about whether the plan gives you what you need. Think about whether the price is reasonable. Vote in the health plan referendum on March 10/11 in your department. The reward is immediate: \$153.01 you won't have to pay next September.

What the Proposed Health Plan Covers

COVERAGE

The proposed Alberta Blue Cross health plan offers extended health benefit coverage to all full-time graduate students (and part-time students if they vote to participate in the plan, & if the full-time students vote to adopt the plan). Students with extended coverage under a different plan may opt out.

PREMIUMS

The annual cost of the extended health coverage would be \$148.01 per full-time (and/or part-time) student. The student and their family, including their partner (spouse, common-law spouse, or same-sex partner) and an unlimited number of children may be added. The total cost for the student and their family would be \$377.78.

The student portion would be collected by the registrar through the regular fee collection mechanism in September for the pending academic year. The plan coverage runs for a full calendar year, not the academic year. An administrative fee of \$5.00 to cover the GSA's costs of administering the plan will be added to the above premiums. These costs include printing information pamphlets, printing and processing opt-in/out forms and staff time devoted to handling documentation and addressing student concerns.

CHANGES IN PREMIUMS

The plan premium will be reassessed by Alberta Blue Cross each year and AON Consulting will act on the GSA's behalf to analyze any change against current market conditions. In the event that the GSA believes that a proposed increase in premiums is higher than graduate students should be required to bear, the plan may be cancelled at the end of the then current year. All premium changes must be approved by the GSA Council in advance.

ADMINISTRATION

Individuals submit claims directly to Blue Cross and the GSA office will act as a facilitator of this process by maintaining a supply of claim forms. Information on filing a claim will also be available at the GSA office.

The GSA's primary role will be in remitting premiums, preparing and maintaining the list of graduate students enrolled along with information on opting in/out, adding families to the plan and dealing with student concerns. These tasks will be performed by a GSA staff member whose salary will be paid out of the administrative fee.

BENEFITS

The plan submitted to this referendum provides for various benefits along with 70% coverage for the cost of drugs included in the plan. This plan is designed to provide coverage for typical out-of-pocket expenses that a student might incur as an outpatient, as a result of an accident or through a commonly occurring disability. As such, it includes 100% coverage for emergency ambulance service, home nursing, and accidental dental damage. Provision is made for acquiring wheelchairs, hospital beds, crutches, trusses, braces, canes, prosthetic appliances and numerous other items of medical equipment. Paramedical services received from a physiotherapist, massage therapist, podiatrist, speech language pathologist or a chiropractor are also covered, as are sessions with a psychologist. Annual dollar caps exist for the various services.

Under the shared cost prescription drug plan students will be reimbursed for 70% of the cost of drugs, including oral contraceptives. If drugs are purchased through the university health clinic, no dispensing fee is charged and the clinic subsidizes the purchase price of prescriptions under \$25.00. The combination of the University Health Services program and the proposed health plan should make prescription drugs much more affordable for graduate students.

Hospital Services

Hospital Outside Canada –Emergency hospital coverage under Travel Plans. Non-emergency hospital coverage is not included

Semi/Private Room –Full coverage

Auxiliary Care –\$1,000/person each policy year

Out Patient out of Alberta –Emergency out patient charges covered under Travel Plans when out of Canada. Out patient charges in Canada covered under Alberta Health Reciprocal Agreement

Extended Health Services

Ambulance (Ground) –Full coverage

Accidental Dental –\$2,000/person/accident

Prosthetics –Full coverage for artificial limbs and eyes

Mastectomy Prosthesis –\$200/prosthesis/24 months and \$50/mastectomy bra to max \$100/person each policy year

Home Nursing –\$15,000/person every 3 years

Psychologist –\$50/visit to \$500/person each policy year

Physiotherapist –\$25/visit to \$300/person each policy year if assessed by the Community Rehabilitation Program and rated three, four, five, or six (on a scale of 15).

Chiropractor –\$25/visit to \$300/person each policy year (commencing July 1, 1995 the Community Rehabilitation Program will cover speech language pathology)

Massage Therapist –\$25/visit to \$300/person each policy year with physician's written order

Osteopath –No coverage (medical doctor currently covered by provincial government)

Chiropract/Podiatrist –\$25/visit to \$300/person each policy year, max includes 1 x-ray & cost of surgery (Provincial government annual maximum must be reached first)

Wheelchairs –Coverage for purchase, rental and repairs. Purchase limited to 1 every 3 years

Hospital Beds –Coverage for purchase, rental and repairs.

Laboratory Testing –No coverage, currently covered by the provincial government

Diagnostic Procedures –No coverage, currently covered by the provincial government

Radium and Radioactive Isotopes –No coverage, currently covered by the provincial government

Oxygen and the Equipment Required for its Use –Maximum of \$2,500 /person each policy year

Blood and Blood Plasma –No coverage, currently covered by the provincial government

Cervical Collars, Splints, Trusses, Crutches, Casts, Canes, and Walkers –Full coverage and physician's written order for walkers

Traction Kits –Full coverage with physician's written order

Ileostomy and Colostomy Supplies, Urinary Catheters and Supplies –80% to a combined maximum of \$1,200/person each policy year

Orthopaedic Shoes –Custom made orthopaedic shoes or adjustments to stock item footwear to a maximum of \$250/person each policy year

Braces –70% coverage, once every 24 months

Foot Orthotics –70% coverage to a maximum of \$200/person each policy year with physician's, podiatrist's, or chiropractor's written order

Iron Lungs –No coverage (Iron lungs replaced by new technology)

Surgical Stockings –2 pairs/person each policy year

Stump Socks –6 pairs/person each policy year

Optical Examinations –No coverage (Alberta Health covers eye examinations for children and seniors but deinsured eye exams for adults 19-64 years of age effective

December 1, 1994)

Blood Testing Monitor –\$150 once every 5 years

Hearing Aids –\$500/person every four years with physician's or audiologist's written order

Medical Care Outside Canada –Covered under Travel Plans

Diabetic Supplies –Included under Prescription Drug Plan (Needles, syringes, blood & urine testing strips, lancets & penlets)

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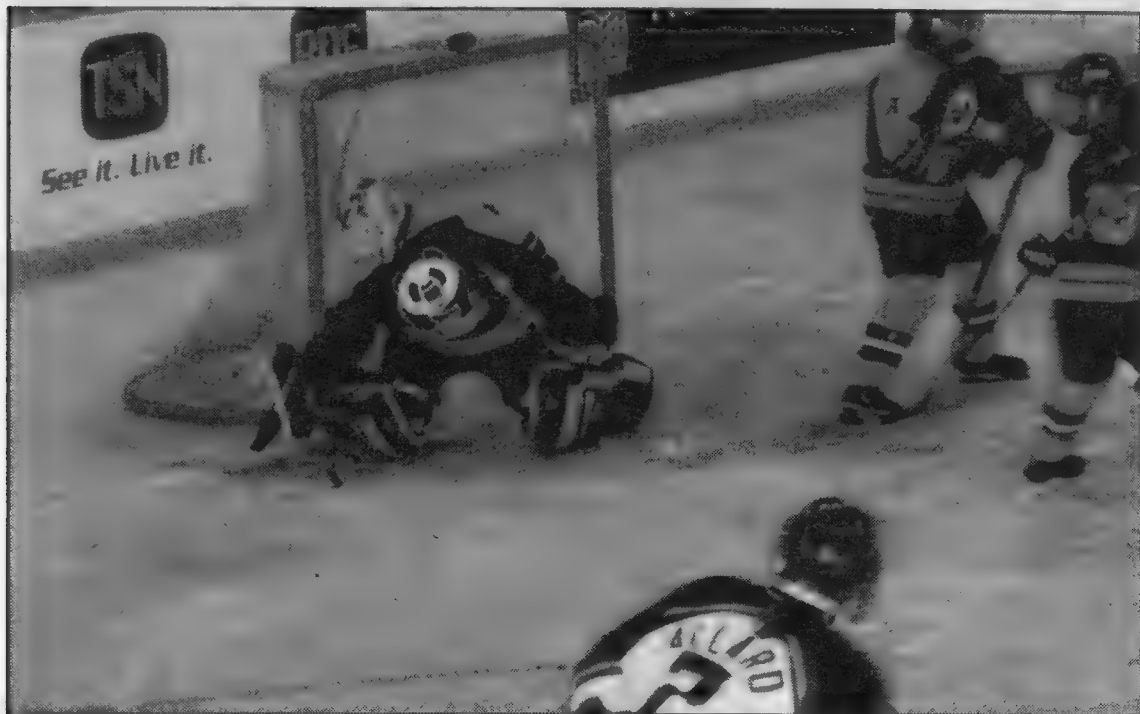
**GSA ELECTIONS,
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REFERENDUM:**

VOTE

MARCH 10TH & 11TH, 1999

Putting Western hockey on the map

Pandas' Lori Shupak named tournament MVP in silver medal victory



Pandas goaltender Stacey McCullough looks behind to ensure she kept the puck out of the net.

Gregor Madden / THE VANITY

Denise Fernandes

SPORTS EDITOR

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THE VANITY

TORONTO — It was a wonderful end to a nearly impeccable season.

The Pandas hockey team went to the CIAU Nationals fully expecting to improve on last year's fifth placed finish. The team vastly improved over the off-season and had the confidence that they could go to the championships and sneak away with the bronze medal.

They didn't, instead, the University of Alberta team won both their preliminary round games and the silver medal.

"We definitely thought we had a chance at [getting into the gold medal game] but, I mean, I think we surprised a lot of people when we came here," said Pandas captain Marlow Kulak, discussing what would be her last game as a Panda. "We have a great team this year. I think we deserve to be in [the finals]."

The Pandas went into the tournament and won both their preliminary round games (against their pool) earning a trip to the gold medal game against the defending champion University of Concordia Stingers. The Stingers, arguably the best team in CIAU women's hockey, would not be a pushover; they had defeated St Francis Xavier by a score of 10-0 for the chance to defend their title.

The Pandas kicked off the Nationals with the tournament's most exciting match, defeating the McGill Martlets 3-2 in a shootout. After the ten minute overtime did nothing to resolve the teams' 2-2 deadlock, Alberta defenceman Trish Semeniuk scored the only goal of the shootout to give the Pandas their first victory. Alberta's Lori Shupak was chosen as Alberta's player of the game.

The Pandas second game was against the Laurier University Golden Hawks. The Pandas once again won by a score of 3-2 but this

time they didn't need the extra time, out shooting the Hawks 29-13. Krysty Lorenz, who was Alberta's player of the games and a tournament all-star, potted a pair for the Pandas while Lori Shupak scored the eventual game winner in the middle of the second period to get the Pandas into the Championship game.

"We knew Concordia was good. We knew they are definitely a good team," said Shupak, the tournament MVP. "We just wanted to come out here and give it our all. We didn't want to be outworked. We just wanted to play our hearts out. I think we did. I think we gave them a pretty fair battle. Unfortunately we just didn't come out on top."

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— Lori Shupak, CIAU Tournament MVP, Pandas hockey

The Stingers have one huge advantage over the Pandas since they play in an actual league, whereas the Pandas play exhibition games until the Canada West Finals. They are also led by one of the biggest threats in women's hockey: 1999 CIAU Player of the year Corinne Swirsky. Swirsky won the same honour last year.

The Pandas should not be disappointed with the Stingers' 2-0 victory by any means. Jumping from a fifth place finish last year to this year's silver medal is nothing to be ashamed of. However, the Pandas

wouldn't be the team that they are, if they didn't have a few regrets.

"Our game plan was to go our bread and butter which is our forecheck," explained Pandas captain Marlow Kulak, reflecting on her last game with the Pandas. "[Normally,] Concordia doesn't get forechecked a lot, they don't get play in their end a lot so that's what we focused on. Just dumping the puck in and working the forecheck because we knew that was something that was going to work."

"I think that our team and, myself personally, I think that we all came out strong and we played really well and unfortunately we didn't get the bounces we wanted and the [Stingers'] goaltender made some really key saves."

Pandas head coach Howi Draper was ecstatic with his team's silver medal finish, and credited their defensive game for holding the offensive-powered Stingers to two goals.

"We played an awesome defensive zone," the head coach said. "I think we were able to hold them at bay in our own zone. We had a little trouble moving the puck out of our end and that's kind of been a thorn in our side for the majority of the year but I think we seemed to do OK in that area. When we got the puck in Concordia's area I know we created some confusion there for their defencemen so I'm very happy with our play in general."

Draper still sees room for his team to improve when the Nationals roll around next year. He likes the quickness and fluidity of the Eastern teams, and hopes to coach his Pandas to improve their passing.

"No, I don't think [I would change anything]," Draper said. "I think we have some work to do in just moving the puck and our passing. One thing you see with Concordia, they move the puck so well, they force the puck so well—that's where we want to be. We want to ensure the next time we come [to the Nationals] our passing has improved."

Running on empty

Track season winding down as team prepares for CIAUs

Denise Fernandes

SPORTS EDITOR

Not only did they run through their competition, but the U of A track team practically bowled them over.

This weekend, the U of A hosted the Canada West finals, finishing second in both the women's and men's divisions. Numerous strong individual performances solidified the second-placed finishes for the Bears and Pandas, who originally went into the two-day event ranked third and fourth.

"I was pleased with the team and the performers' individual results," said U of A head coach Marek Glowacki. "All the athletes performed well, there were no negatives, only positives [that came out of this meet]."

The U of A qualified twenty people for the CIAUs that will be held at Montreal's McGill University in two weeks, where Glowacki fully expects his team to be a strong contender.

"We will take 20 people to the CIs for the Nationals in two weeks. We need to maintain our form—there shouldn't be a problem with that, but we have some technical problems that need to be smoothed out in the ... relay exchanges, with our passing."

Alberta's Murray Heber set a CWUAA record in the 35-lb weight throw, breaking the mark by one meter. Glowacki was thrilled for Heber who has been working hard all year to improve in his event.

"[Murray] got an honourable

mention as one of the top male performers in the meet," praised Glowacki.

Both teams will rely on the finishes of their two best groups to do well at the CIAUs. The sprinters and throwers are the primary reason the teams have done so well all year, and in the Canada West finals.

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— Marek Glowacki, Head Coach, U of A Track Team

"Out two best groups are sprinters and throwers," Glowacki acknowledged. "After that it's the jumping events and the distance is last right now. We're usually stronger but this year our only star is Catriona Morrison ... we need to improve."

Glowacki was impressed with the performances of the athletes that will not be attending the Nationals. Those athletes had exceptional performances that vaulted Alberta in the team standings.

"Some athletes were not expected to add points and ... they still did," Glowacki praised, referring to Panda Melissa Houston, who finished fifth in the Women's 20-lb weight throw. "That is one of the strongest groups in the country, and she still finished fifth."



The U of A Track teams vaulted into second place in the team standings.

Alan Wharmby / THE GATEWAY

Bears pull out semi-final victory in three-game thriller



The Bears fought the 'Horns hard all weekend, earning a trip to the Canada West finals, in a thrilling three games.

Chul-Ahn Jeong / THE GAZETTE

Darcy Anderson
SPORTS STAFF

There aren't many guarantees in life. Death, taxes and the fact there will be a lesbian with a secret on

the next Jerry Springer are among the few.

And so was this. When the University of Alberta and the University of Lethbridge basketball teams hook up in the playoffs—the

three-game thriller isn't just a possibility. It's a virtual lock.

So it came as no surprise that for a third straight year, as if following a script, the Canada West semi-final went the distance. The Bears prevailed in this year's edition, pounding out a 2-1 series victory over the Pronghorns.

After splitting the first two games, the Bears sealed the series with an emotional 73-66 win on Sunday evening.

"It feels fantastic," graduating Alberta captain Ryan Dunkley smiled as he walked off the Varsity Gym floor for the last time on Sunday.

"We had to win it, it was my last game in this gym and I was winning no matter what."

I said before the game, 'hey guys, you've watched for years, the seventh game of the Stanley Cup, the seventh game in the NBA. This is our seventh game.'

— Don Horwood, Head Coach, Bears Basketball

But that win wasn't easy. It was a game of inches and seconds—a point perfectly illustrated in the final few seconds of the first half.

With five ticks left in the half and Alberta down by one, Jason Maher stripped a Lethbridge player of the ball deep in Bears' territory and quickly found a streaking Ryan Baldry at half-court. Baldry took the pass, raced to the hoop and with under a second left, threw down a two-handed jam that brought the gym to its feet.

"Actually, I didn't know it was that close to running out of time," Baldry, who finished the night with 48 points, including 16 in the first

half, said. "I thought I had enough time for sure."

The dunk put an exclamation point on an otherwise sloppy first 20 minutes, in which the Bears shot a miserable 24 per cent from the floor.

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— Ryan Dunkley, Captain, Bears Basketball

But their composure and tenacity kept them in the pressure-packed game according to head coach Don Horwood.

"I said before the game, 'hey guys, you've watched for years, the seventh game of the Stanley Cup, the seventh game in the NBA. This is our seventh game. This is the kind of pressure players feel when they're at that kind of level.'"

"Our guys wouldn't quit. I respect [Lethbridge] because they don't quit and our guys showed exactly the same kind of character," Horwood added.

Nick Maglisceau was herculean under the hoop on Sunday, as was the case all weekend. The 6'8" St. Albert native tallied 20 points, while pulling down a Dennis Rodman-like 17 boards. It was his second double-double of the series. He recorded 19 points and 14 rebounds in the Bears' game one victory and 30 points and 8 rebounds in a losing cause on Saturday.

"Nick's a tower of strength," Horwood praised. "You saw him all weekend. He's getting beat up in there, they were all over him."

The series got to a game three by virtue of a surprising 20-point victory for the Bears in game one and an 82-77 game two rebound by the 'Horns on Saturday.

Point guard Jason Maher sparked the offence for Alberta in game one.

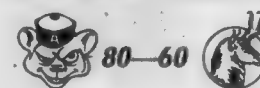
"I've been waiting for an opportunity and I took advantage of it. I finally had a good game," a relieved Maher said following the game.

"Jay came on and really played well for us," Horwood remarked. "For a team to be successful, you have to use the team and I thought tonight the guys coming off the bench played very well."

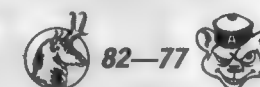
The Pronghorns bounced back with a win on Saturday as they improved to 13-1 on Saturday nights this season.

"When it's do or die, you have to let everything out on the line, and no one wants their season to end early," the 'Horn's Spencer Holt

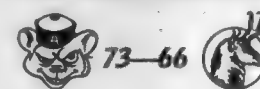
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stated on Saturday. The all-star guard averaged 19.7 points/game for the series.

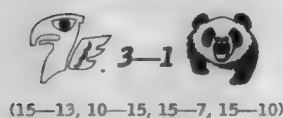
But the Pronghorn's season was to last only one more night.

The Bears now go on to meet the University of Victoria next weekend in the Canada West final.

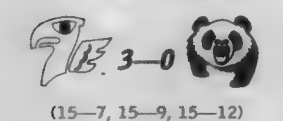
Pandas lose Canada West finals to UBC for second consecutive year

Team will defend National title as a wild card

Alberta Pandas
VS
British Columbia Thunderbirds



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Bryan Lee
SPORTS STAFF

A Thunderbird taking on a Panda—unrealistic nature show or the battle of the year?

Well, this past weekend, it was the latter choice.

The University of Alberta Pandas volleyball team travelled west to Vancouver to take on the number one ranked University of British

Columbia Thunderbirds for the Canada West University Athletic Association title.

The last time these teams met it spelled the end of the Pandas undefeated season. UBC took over the number one ranking rather easily as the Pandas were blown out by the overpowering T-Birds' offense. The Pandas desperately wanted to get some revenge on their long-time rivals.

A simple glance at the score would show what appears to be another simple win for the T-Birds in their second-half domination over Canada West competition. However, that doesn't reflect what really went on during the game and its importance in next week's National Championships.

The Pandas and Thunderbirds were evenly matched all weekend. The first set on Friday lasted over 45 minutes, while the whole match approached three hours. It was back-and-forth all weekend and, although the Pandas weren't the ones to pull out the 3-1 victory, the team certainly improved in comparison to their last meeting with UBC.

"We were so much better," a relieved Pandas head coach Laurie

Eisler said. "We didn't see those peaks and valleys that we saw last time, so that shows real progress."

"We've gotten to the point where we're forcing our opponents to earn those points," she emphasized, eluding to the fact that the Pandas are often their own worst enemy.

Saturday was just as tough, as the Pandas fell 3-0 (15-7, 15-9, 15-12) and lost the chance of claiming the Canada West for themselves.

"We were really disappointed with the outcome, but we had to leave any of the negative feelings associated with that behind and move on and regroup," Eisler said. Progress and regrouping were

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— Laurie Eisler, Head Coach, Pandas Volleyball

are the keys for the Pandas as they were awarded one of the wild card positions. They will prepare for the National Championships taking place next weekend at Varsity Gym.

"The good news is that we have another day," Eisler said.

The team's goal was to win this weekend and they didn't. However, that doesn't mean that this week-

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— Laurie Eisler

end was a total failure.

"Success, for me, is defined as being as good as we can be and perform to that level, and at times we did that. We showed signs of

being champion athletes," Eisler said. "But, champion athletes don't always win. To be that champion athlete you need to perform at your best under the most difficult of circumstances, and at times we did

that."

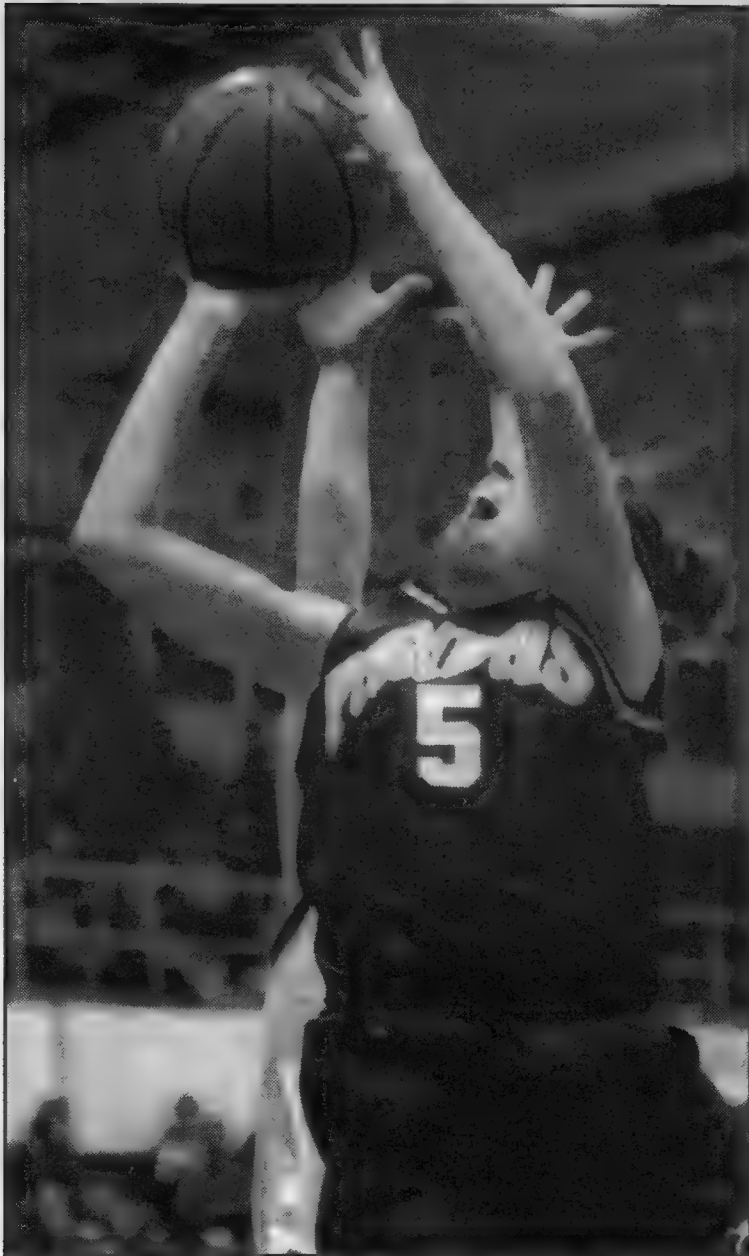
Those circumstances had to be the rough crowd they saw against UBC. Once the Pandas proved they could really compete with UBC, the

UBC fans turned ugly and were very negative towards the Pandas. The team pushed through to the end anyway and have grown from the difficult experience, and they're ready for the Nationals.

The Pandas and T-Birds will almost certainly meet again in next week's Nationals. That fact almost makes last weekend's match irrelevant to the playoff situation. However, the Pandas have improved and are ready.

Last year, the team also fell to UBC in the Canada West finals, but still went on to a fourth consecutive National title. The team has grown and Eisler and her players can't wait for another shot at a CIAU National title.

Pandas get revenge on Dinos



Pandas guard Cathy Butlin (5) goes high against the Dinos in semi-final action at the Main Gym this weekend.

Chul-Ahn Jeong / THE GATEWAY

Kareen Holtby
SPORTS STAFF

Better than chocolate cake; better than gourmet ice cream; better than steak and lobster after a week of mac 'n cheese—the sweet taste of revenge.

The University of Alberta Pandas basketball team received a huge helping of that sweet stuff after defeating their rivals the Calgary Dinos in the Canada West semi-finals this past weekend. It was the third consecutive year the teams faced off. Last year, the Dinos surprised the Pandas as they won the three-game series.

"It was total revenge, said Panda Rania Burns. "It was totally pay-back from last year. They snuck two away from us last year

because we took them for granted. We took them too lightly. We just wanted to prove to them you're not doing that again and we're going all the way."

The Pandas proved their point very handily as they defeated the Dinos 59-47 on Friday and 70-54 on Saturday. The defeat was not because of a lack of Dino effort or lack of Dino support. Dino guard Marianna Raguz was a dominant offensive force with seventeen points on Friday. The Dinos were at their best and they had a huge fan section to support them. "Go Pandas Go" was drowned out by "Go Dinos Go."

"It [got] a little scary," admitted Pandas post Jackie Simon of Friday night's game. "[Calgary] is a team that builds on momentum. They

started to close the gap, but we stuck to our game plan and it worked for us."

Simon was a big part of the Pandas game plan, scoring seventeen points and snagging ten rebounds on Friday night. Her consistent scoring throughout the game was needed as Calgary would not quit.

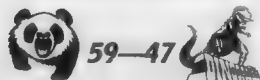
The Pandas did not give the Dinos a chance to catch up on Saturday. Cathy Butlin and Sara Armstrong were both stroking the threes; Kristy Wiebe was driving the basket; Kim Wyley, Erin Sandusky, and Simon scored from the post position; Rania Burns lit up the court with fifteen points. For the last ten minutes, three starters sat the bench and the Pandas still did not miss step. Every player dressed got court time and almost every one of them scored.

"That's the perfect stepping stone for getting into Canada West finals and into Nationals," stated Burns, who has played her last

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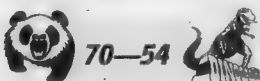
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game at the Varsity Gym. "That's what we need to win. We need everybody to contribute. You can't win a National championship with one or two or five players. You've got to win with thirteen. So, that's what we [did] and I'm so proud of us."

The Pandas played a game to be proud of, but their battle is not over. They still have to play the only team they have not defeated this year, the University of Victoria Vikes, in the conference final.

"We wanted to prove that we weren't ranked number one for the better part of the season just on a whim. It was for a reason," commented Burns.

The Pandas have the chance to prove that this coming weekend. They have created the opportunity to prove why they were number one.

There will be an important Sports meeting on Thursday at 3:30pm. All current volunteers: please be there. And, if you want to start writing Sports, you are welcome to attend. 0-10 SUB at 3:30pm on Thursday March 4th.

CORRECTION

The salary advertised in the February 11, 23 and 25 editions of the Gateway under "Students' Union Employment Opportunities" for the Community Relations Coordinator position should read:

Remuneration: \$930.00/month May - August
\$815.00/month September - April

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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HACK O-RAMA

The time has come once more, when your peers put themselves up to be judged by you. With a single reckless slash of your quill, you can approve or utterly crush the hopes and dreams of these ambitious worthies who would be your leaders. So it is that The Gateway annually proceeds the Candidates' Forum, and precedes the opening of the polls with the Hack-o-rama, our attempt to disseminate, in as subjective and hyper-critical a manner as possible, just who all of the candidates are, and whether they deserve your vote or not.

This year's Hack-o-rama was written and compiled by Editor-in-Chief Nathaniel Fairbairn.

PRESIDENT

This is the most important position. So, of course, everyone wants it: it looks really sharp on the ol' résumé, after all. It's just too bad that almost none of the candidates are actually qualified or prepared to hold such an illustrious position.

The Great Cthulu — A farce and an elder god. Who cares? Unless you belong to the campus fantasy gamers club and are fascinated by all things gothic, then it probably isn't you. As an ostensible joke candidate, Cthulu and his earthly representatives are appallingly unfunny. Don't waste your time with this guy; if it's a protest vote you're looking to make, then go with the Pez dispenser.

Michael Chalk — The best person for the job. A Business student and current Vice President (Operations & Finance), Chalk knows the job. He has a record of success this year, having cut the SU deficit by about \$186 000 — from a \$190 000 dollar loss to a projected \$4 000 deficit (and it's still possible that the budget will come in balanced). He's realistic with his promises and goals, and has an intimate knowledge of the workings of the SU. Also, he seems sincere in wanting to represent students' desires. I can't really think of much to say against this guy, except that he has a tendency to come off as a stuffed shirt from time to time. However, you can't really blame him for that, as he has probably earned the right.

PEZ — A Pez dispenser with an amusing campaign. What the hell: vote for this thing, if you really don't care about your student government, but still feel compelled to sully the elections by casting a prank ballot. Realize though, that, if by some miracle, Pez wins, then he will not be allowed to take office (kudos to Chief Returning Officer Matt Hough for allowing an ineligible candidate to remain on the ballot), and another costly by-election will need to be held, probably featuring the exact same candidates.

Mike Schulz — Not a bad sort of fellow, for a raving pinko. If elected president, Schulz promises to eradicate tuition, raise corporate taxation, and get more money from the provincial government. Hey, Mike! What about peace in the Middle East while you're at it, huh? And what about that whole world famine thing? I mean, you're gonna be the president of the freaking Students' Union! Why stop after the simple reformation of the provincial and federal governments of Canada? Let's see some ambition here, fella!

In seriousness, Schulz's unrealistic and idealistic promises are a treat for the ears this election, but, even if he were capable of delivering on them, we probably wouldn't want him to.

Jason Curran — I really hate this guy. An unqualified moron with a funny looking head, Curran loses votes every time he opens his mouth. When asked about his stance on the sports facility for the 2001 World Track and Field Championships, proposed to be built at the site currently occupied by the U of A farm, Curran spouted some vague and insipid babble to cover his ignorance, and then said, "We should reinvest in the farm, so we can do better farming." Right. They farm there, Jason. Wheat, mostly. And grapes. Lots and lots of grapes.

Maybe he should change his campaign slogan to read: "Down with sports! Up with wheat!" Either that, or, "Vote for me, because I have a desperate and tragic need to follow in my big brother Stephen's footsteps (Stephen Curran, abysmal SU President 1997-1998), no idea what the job actually involves, a clear ignorance of the issues, a flair for public stuttering, and a

tremulous ability to disguise my moronic beliefs and opinions with tired and unconvincing rhetoric." Yeah, that might work for him. At least it would be honest.

Stan Dyjur — This guy wants to do all kinds of things. With *The Gateway*. He wants to write weekly articles about what he's doing, and what the SU is doing for students. What he doesn't seem to know is that *The Gateway* has editorial autonomy, which essentially means that we print whatever the hell we want, and cannot be told by retarded SU Presidents what we can and must put in the paper. At any rate, the SU already publishes a full page advertisement in the paper, the purpose of which is to inform students about SU activities. Nobody reads it (it's that really inky page that looks like garbage and never has anything interesting to say).

Personally, I am unclear if Dyjur is a joke candidate or a serious one. I suspect that this is an ambiguity which Stan himself can't quite resolve. Whatever the case, as a candidate for the presidency of the Students' Union, he is entirely laughable.

Sam Prochazka — Some skinny chap with a funny accent and no discernible or memorable ideas. He seems to be running his campaign under the slogan, "Most students don't even know what the Students' Union does." I think we all understand what Prochazka is really saying here: "I have no idea what the Students' Union does." And he doesn't. This guy isn't even worth the trouble it would take to ridicule him further.

PJ Swales — "Duh, I'm an average student. Vote for me." Sure, PJ. Whatever. I know that when I'm hunting for a leader, I want to find the most mediocre and unremarkable guy on the ballot and vote for him. Except, not really. More like the exact opposite, actually. PJ is one of several candidates who believe that the ticket to success is visibility and accessibility by the average student. In truth, the SU Exec is as visible and accessible as they can reasonably be. The fact that students aren't always talking to the current SU Executive has a lot more to do with students not wanting to talk to them, than it has to do with any intractability or standoffishness on the Exec's part. Swales is an average student with average ideas and less than average credentials and experience.

Mimi Williams — Mimi is not actually an entirely poor candidate. In fact, if it weren't for Chalk, I would have to hand the decision to her by default, as no better qualified candidates have presented themselves. She has experience (in fact, she gets bonus marks for possibly being older than my mom) and has been highly involved in student politics during her long tenure as a student (so involved, in fact, that past SU Executives have thought themselves cursed by the woman). She is highly intelligent, and highly liberal, indeed. If not for Schulz, she would be the token pinko of this election. Unfortunately, Williams' idealism will forever get in the way of her pragmatism. Her involvement in STORM and other groups existing on the social fringe have branded her a radical, and, in this land of conservatism, she would likely be effective as naught but a noisemaker, and an easily ignored one, at that.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

STUDENT LIFE

Informally known as VP Nothing Important, this is probably the lamest portfolio in the Exec. But you have to vote for someone, so let's get on with it.

Heather Clark — I don't know why, but I really didn't like this girl. She was well spoken, knew more about the job than her rivals, and had better qualifications and ideas. She brought figures and tangible proposals to the forum, a rarity on Monday. For some reason, though, I found her manner and person to be off-putting and too self-satisfied.

Nevertheless, there are times to go with your instincts and times to put them aside, and this is one of the latter. Doubtless, I will end up voting for her, but I will probably hesitate a moment before doing so. Perhaps humility is too much to expect from self-appointed "student leaders."

Allyson Miller — This candidate has no clue. Totally without merit. Oh, you organized parties in Lister, did you? What do you want: a cookie? Well, I'm not giving you one, and I'm not voting for you, either. Clearly she is running for VP (Student Life), because it is a well known truth that it is the easiest position, and requires the least wherewithal from its holders.

Khadija Jetha — Allow me to paraphrase, Khadija: "A lot of the candidates today have, like, gone on and on about how they're really qualified for the job and stuff. But I think that my best qualification for this job is, like, my personality! I'm, like, totally energetic and fun-loving! YAY for me!!"

I'm sure that the actual quote was even more vapid, but, unfortunately, I didn't have my tape recorder on hand. Khadija and Allyson both enjoyed the luxury of answering questions after Clark, and so their comments invariably sounded a lot like, "I agree with Heather on this point." This, of course, was because they had no formulated opinions of their own on the subjects advanced. At any rate, unless you always find yourself rooting for the dumb guy on *Jeopardy*, you're probably not the kind of person who wants to see Khadija hold any sort of public office, whatsoever.

OPERATIONS & FINANCE

The guy in charge of the cheque book. Probably the most realistically important job in the SU, and consequently, the most difficult. Good luck to whoever gets the job of doing the books on this \$7 000 000/year organization.

James Brown — Not just the coolest name on the ballot, this bloke ain't half bad. He seems ready to do the work, and capable of doing it well. An Economics major, he wants to look at where the U of A Administration is wasting our money, recommend ways to solve those problems, and make the SU more profitable. In addition, if Chalk gets elected President, he can lend his experience to Brown (or Sidhu), and we'll probably see another balanced budget next year. Brown is likely the safest choice in this category.

Ravi Sidhu — Not a bad candidate, either, Sidhu has much that recommends him. He's smart, cool under criticism, and interested in expanding SUB in ways that students desire. His qualifications are weaker than Brown's (he's a Science student who has "worked in a bank" for two years — I assume he doesn't sweep the floors), but his ideas are much the same. As I said, not bad, but probably not as good as the Godfather of Soul.



EXTERNAL

This is the member of the executive who is responsible for representing students to the outside world. Whether or not this position actually accomplishes anything is still up in the air.

Leslie Church — Pretty and brilliant, this candidate has got it all. Except charisma, maybe. A past member of Students' Council and BoG rep, as well as a champion debater, Church played the part of the snooze button at this year's candidates' forum. You could almost literally watch the attention span of the room atrophy during her brief two minute speech. If elected, she'll do an impeccable job, but she may not have as much of an impact as the position potentially holds.

Jon Iverson — Church's polar opposite. Frumpy and slow of speech, but likely smarter than he appears, Iverson thinks he should get the job because he's from Wetaskiwin. He believes that he speaks the same simple and slow language of the majority of our MLAs, and wants to create a slogan for the U of A like "Cars cost less in Wetaskiwin." No. That is not a joke. Iverson believes that a catchy jingle will increase awareness of the U of A in government, society, and the country. Hey, I've got one: "Degrees are worth more at the U of A."

Hmmm ... no. That's retarded. How about, "Vote for Church, because Iverson is a dunce." Admittedly, it doesn't have the same ring to it as the first choice, but it does make a lot more sense.

ACADEMIC

The position responsible for dealing with academic and U of A issues. This is the guy who whines about textbooks and course evaluations. Do you really care? No, but here we are, nevertheless.

Vas Costopoulos — Cute, funny, and totally inexperienced. His ideas aren't all bad, they just arise from a distinct poverty of any real knowledge of the portfolio and its history. Vote for him if you think Ron Low should "give the kid a chance" and put Jason Bonsignor on the starting line for the Oilers for the remainder of the season. If you're one of those people who think that a little seasoning in the minors is necessary before a rookie moves on to the pros, though, then don't bother voting for this kid.

TJ Adhihetty — To recycle the preceding analogy, TJ is the Steve Passmore of Oilers hockey: a guy who has been grinding away for years in the minors, and posting impressive results, all without a shot at the big time. TJ is the very definition of the term SU Hack. He's been intensely involved in the SU for years, and, even though I have no memory of what he's done, he definitely seems to know the job of VP Academic. Easily one of the best speakers of all SU candidates, TJ charmed the hell out of the assembly and proved that he does, in fact, know exactly what he's talking about. Vote for him, and you won't be wasting your ballot.

BOG

This is an unpaid and ineffective position. The fact that anyone is even bothering to run for it is more surprising than the dearth of candidates.

Julien McNulty — Vote for him, because why the hell not? Someone has to be ignored by the rest of the BoG members, and it may as well be him. In truth, we could and have done a lot worse.

Tuesday, 2 March, 1999

CASSEROLE

VOTE MARCH 3 & 4

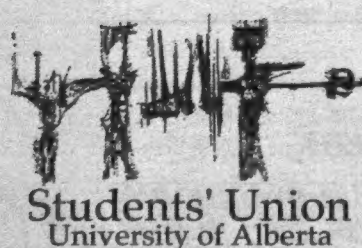


Voting locations:

Chem East	9-5pm
CAB	9-9pm
Civil Engg	12-6pm
Dent/Pharm	10-5pm
Education	9-4 pm
FAB	9-5 pm
Law	10-4pm
HUB/Rutherford	8-6pm
HUB/Humanities	10-7pm
Tory Atrium	8-9pm
SUB	8-9pm
Ag/For	9-7pm
Mech Engg	8-2pm
Bio Sci	10-6pm
Physics	9-4pm
Chem West	8-5pm
Lister Hall	10-6pm
Phys Ed/Van Vliet	8-4pm
Med Sci	10-4pm
Clinical Sci	9-2pm
Corbett Hall	10-2pm
Faculte	9-2pm

-students can vote at any location

-must have their valid ONEcard with them
and must be a Students' Union member



Advance poll: Tuesday March 2 from 5:00 - 9:00 pm

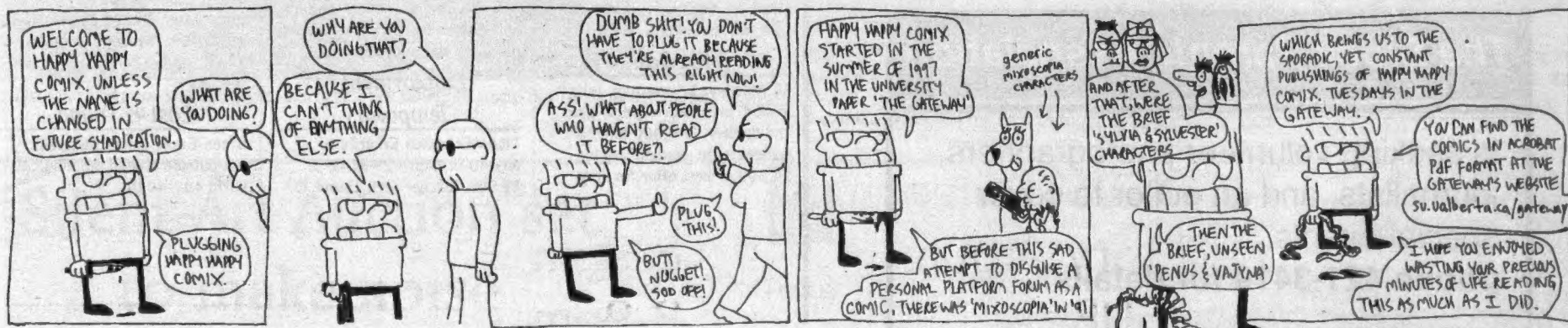
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Stumpy by Chris Boutits



Happy Happy Comix by Alex Tsang



Rancid Wit by Dave Leriger



THE GATEWAY

The Gateway is now accepting applications for the various line editor positions for the 1999/2000 school year. Successful applicants will possess a strong knowledge of the workings of a newspaper, as well as having abilities pertinent to the job applied for. Eight paid positions are available, as documented below:

One Managing Editor	Two News Editors	One Arts and Entertainment Editor	One Sports Editor
One Photo Editor	One Production Editor	One Circulation Manager	

Applications are due by Friday, March 12, in 0-10 SUB

HAPPY BOB KNOWS

International Women's day 1999 is hosting the 1st annual Women's Day 5K walk/10K run on March 7th in Hawrelak Park @ 8am. Brochures and registration forms available @ the Running Room. Call 916-1181 for more info.

They will also be holding **"Women in Music and Art"** on March 6th @ 9pm at the Sidetrack Café (40393-112 Street).

Additionally they will hold **"Women with a Voice"** on March 8th @ 7pm in the Ramada Inn and Conference Centre (11830 Kingsway Ave.)

The Association for Bahá'í Studies is hosting a talk, titled "From childhood to maturity, humanity's unfolding destiny," on Thursday, March 4, in HD-129. The talk runs from 3:30 to 4:15pm.

Allied Health is hosting Allied Health Week from March 10th-12th in CAB from 10am-2pm each day. Come and see what health professionals and researchers are really about! Information, trivia games, and prizes to be won. Party at the Power Plant to follow featuring the real McKenzies on March 14th. Donations and proceeds accepted in CAB will go to the food bank.

The Dept of Philosophy is presenting Bernard Linsky speaking on "Principia mathematica revisited" on Thursday March 4th @ 3:30pm in HC 1-2. All welcome.

CaPS is offering the following workshop on Wednesday, March 3rd: Building a Teaching Portfolio @ 5pm. The following workshops will be held on Saturday, March 6th: Career planning @ 9:30am, the Work Search for Education Students @ 9am, Resumes & Covering Letter Writing for Education Students @ 11am, and Interviewing with School Boards @ 2pm. Register in person at CaPS, 2-100 SUB. For more info visit the CaPS homepage @ <http://www.ualberta.ca> or call 492-4291.

The Dept of Biological Sciences presents an ecology seminar series by Kevin Devito. "The potential for Impact of Logging on Water Quality and Quantity of Western Boreal Lakes Following Tree Harvest: Developing Adaptive Buffer Width Management Strategies" is being presented on Friday, March 5 at 12:00 noon in G-116, Biological Sciences Building.

The Dept of Chemical and Materials Engineering presents a seminar by Dr. Faical Larachi. "Gas-Liquid Packed and Ebullated-Bed Reactors: Making Order Out of Chaos" is being presented on Thursday, March 4 at 1:30pm in 345 Chemical and Materials Engineering Building. Refreshments will be served at 3:40pm in the same room.

A Philosophy Colloquium by David Copp. "Rationality and Autonomy" is being presented on Tuesday, March 2 at 3:30pm in Humanities Centre Lecture Theatre 2.

The Dept of Biological Sciences presents a seminar by Dr. Katharine E. Magor. "Duplication and inactivation of MHC class I genes" will be held on Wednesday, March 3 at 3:30 in M-149 Biological Sciences Building.

The Dept of Biological Sciences presents a seminar by Dr. Qinfeng Guo. "Diversity, biomass, and their relationships in succession" will be held on Thursday, March 4 at 3:30 in M-149 Biological Sciences Building.

The Dept of Biological Sciences presents a seminar by Dr. Bradley G. Magor. "The roles of transcriptional enhancers in the evolution of the immunoglobulin heavy chain (Igh) locus" will be presented on Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at 11:00am in M-141 Biological Sciences Building.

GO AWAY! There is still time to apply to a U of A Academic Exchange. Study in Europe, Scandinavia or Latin America. Come to an Information Session on Wednesday, March 3, at 2:00pm and find more about it. International Centre, 122 HUB International (north end, sidewalk level at 9101).

PLEASE NOTE that HKB is only printed in the Tuesday Gateway. HKB does not publish regular events which are weekly, ongoing or not open to the public. Incomplete submissions will not be printed. Submissions will only be printed for one issue. Please note that there will be no HKB column on dates that The Gateway does not publish. Entry Deadline: 3:00 PM Fridays (before the issue in which you wish your HKB to appear) Submit to: Information Registries (030A lower level SUB, 492-4212), or any Information Desk.

CLASSIFIEDS

To place a classified ad, call Information Registries, 492-4212

For Rent

Roommate wanted for 2 bedroom main suite, non-smoker \$325/m \$325 dd Shared power, pet present. Quiet neighbourhood 15mins walk to UofA. Call Susan @ 439-5990.
1 Bdrm Apt, 10634 78Ave, call Ron @ 438-7000 day, 434-7803 eve, \$275/mo, \$150/dd, incl: pwr heat water; No pets, no smoking, bath, kitchen, walk UA, stall+plug, no furniture, Bachelor suite.
1 bedroom basement suite, large, bright, clean, 10 minute walk to the U of A, \$400 monthly, call Ray @ 988-6860.
Parking stall \$35/month. 85 Avenue and 109 Street. Call Cindy 430-6839.

Services

Is drinking a problem? A.A. can help! 424-5900
Former PhD student available to edit term papers and theses. Humanities/Sciences. Helen, 481-4736.
GUITAR LESSONS Beginner to intermediate. Located just off of campus. 432-5157.
Affordable editing services, proofreading, typing, tutoring, call Joel 914-4827.

For Sale

89 Mustang LX maroon, fully loaded, grey interior, new tires and battery, 144,000 kms, 2 owners (both women), asking \$4,300 or best offer. In very

good shape. Call 453-3006.

Employment - Part Time

Required: male or female university student to tutor an eight year old male grade 2 student in the use of the computer as well as to assist in homework assignments, reading. Monday to Friday 4-5 pm at private university residence. Resumes to 10008-110 street T5K-1J6 or fax 482-1930 attn: R. Davidson *STUDENTS*\$12.85 TO START/Flex ft/pt. great resume exp.Trn. prov. 436-9444
McKee After School Program requires part-time childcare workers to work with children 6-12 years of age. Male and female welcome to apply. Position offers experience for those in education and recreation programs. Call 434-5297 between 7am-6pm Monday-Friday.
Grad student mom needs help 14:30-18:30 hours Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Must have car. 460-5955.
The Power Plant Restaurant and Bar is currently looking for experienced servers. Applicants must be able to work Morning and Day shifts. Apply directly to the main bar with resume.

Employment - Temporary

TRAVEL-teach English: 5 day/40 hr (April 29-MAY 3)
TESOL teacher cert. course (or

by corresp.). 1,000's of jobs avail. NOW. FREE info pack 438-5704
Due West Student Painting currently requires managers for May 11 - August 30. Managers receive quality training and support. No experience required. Above average earnings of \$8,000.00 - \$20,000 plus. Call 1-800-585-8666 TODAY.
Olsen Ventures Reforestation is seeking Experience Treeplanters for the '99 season. Anticipating a 60 Day season. Contact CaPS for more information and application.

Personals

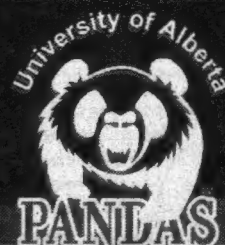
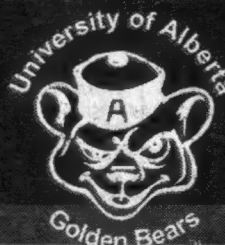
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DOWN UNDER. Edmonton's Gay & Bisexual Men's Bathhouse. 12224 Jasper Ave. 482-7960. Student Mondays \$4 off, 4pm-12am. Call for daily specials.

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Green Eddie Bauer backpack left outside physed building, call karin 487-4010.

The Block Parents Association

is seeking volunteer photographers, journalists, and an editor to cover special events.
phone 421-3419 for details.



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